

ABSOLUTE CRIMSON

WEAPON

PLUS

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DURING WORLD WAR II, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CREATED THE FIRST SUPER-SOLDIER AND INADVERTENTLY KICKED OFF A BIOLOGICAL ARMS RACE THAT SPREAD ACROSS THE GLOBE. IN TIME, AN INTERNATIONAL CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION CALLED WEAPON PLUS AROSE TO AMASS AND ALLOCATE THE WORLD'S SUPER-SOLDIER RESEARCH IN THE FORM OF SILOED PROGRAMS. EACH PROGRAM WAS GIVEN A ROMAN NUMERAL DESIGNATION AND RESEARCH SPECIALTY. ONE SUCH BRANCH DEVELOPED WEAPONS BASED ON EXTRATERRESTRIAL PARASITES CALLED SYMBIOTES.

NOW A BLOODTHIRSTY SYMBIOTE KNOWN AS CARNAGE IS HUNTING ALL WHO HAVE BONDED WITH SYMBIOTES TO ASSEMBLE LEFTOVER GENETIC MARKERS (CODICES) AND CREATE A CONDUIT TO THE SYMBIOTE GOD, KNULL!

ABSOLUTE CARNAGE



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WEAPON_V INCIDENT FOOTAGE

PLAY THE FILES.

PROFESSOR JUNGER?

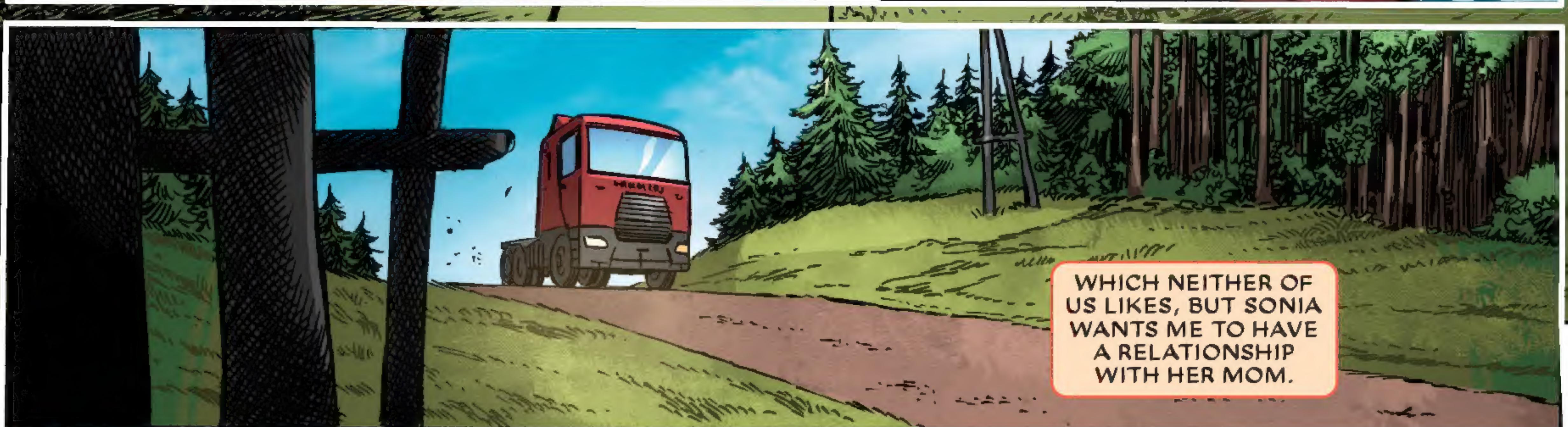
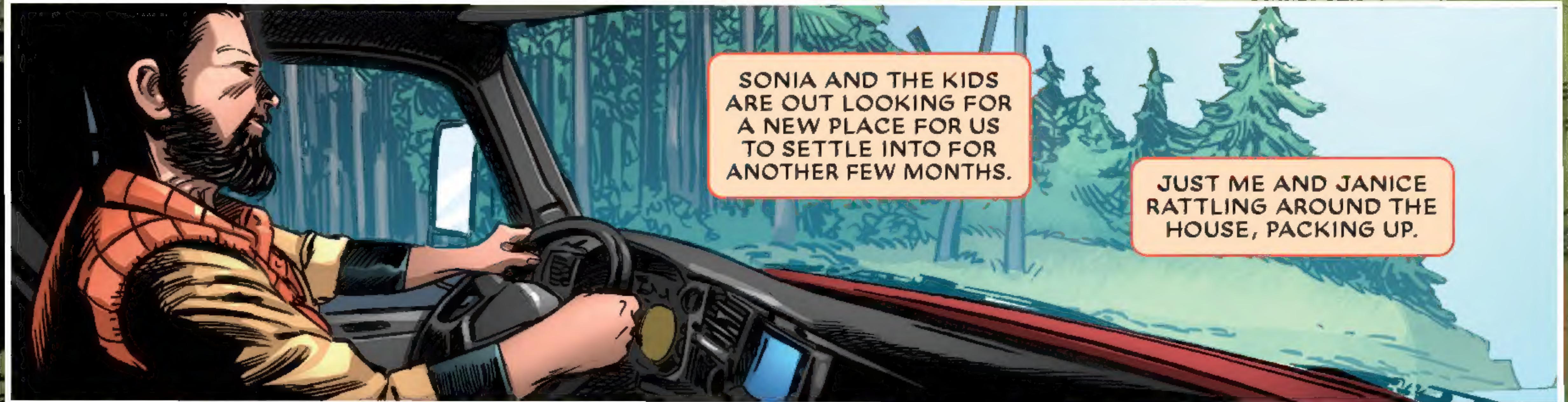
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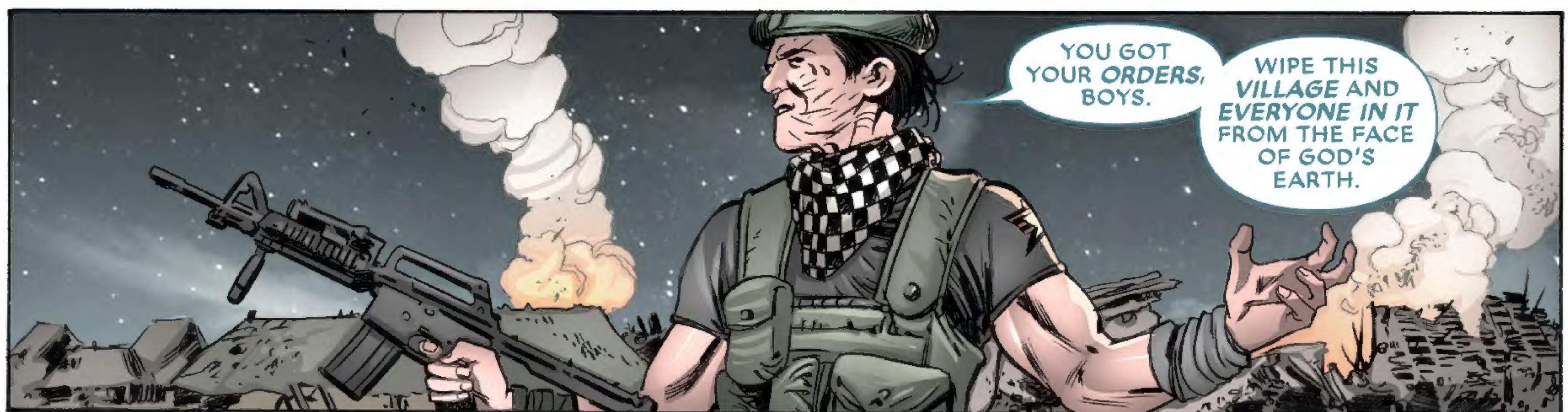
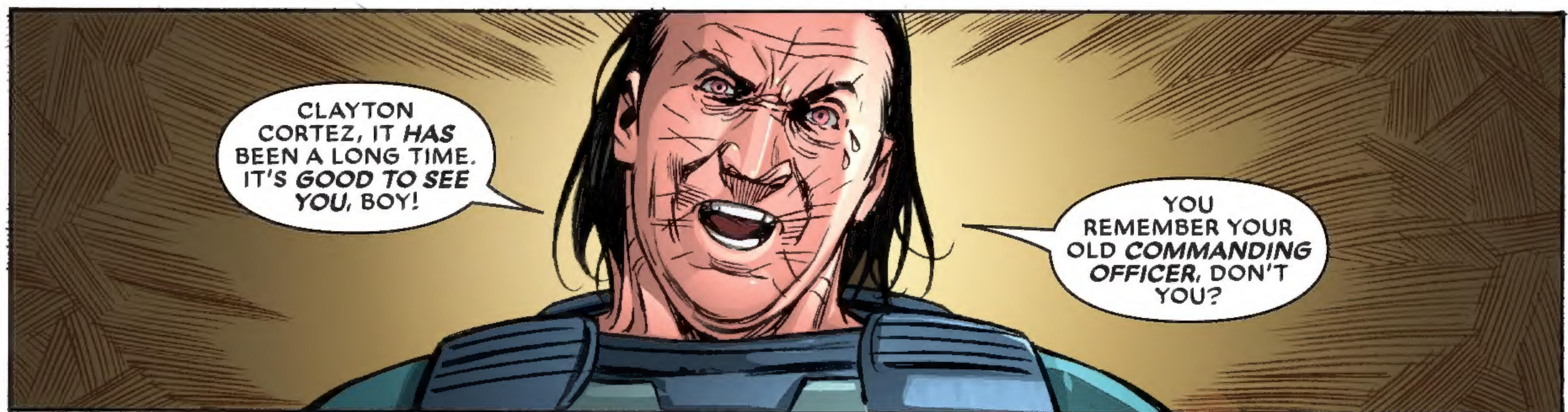


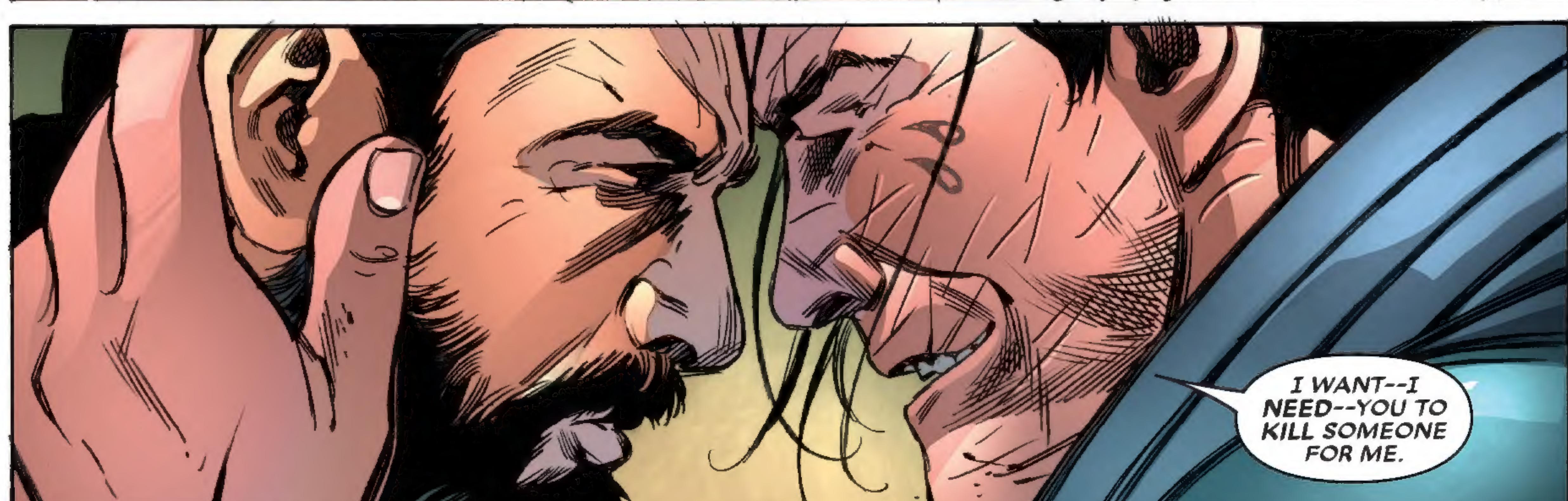


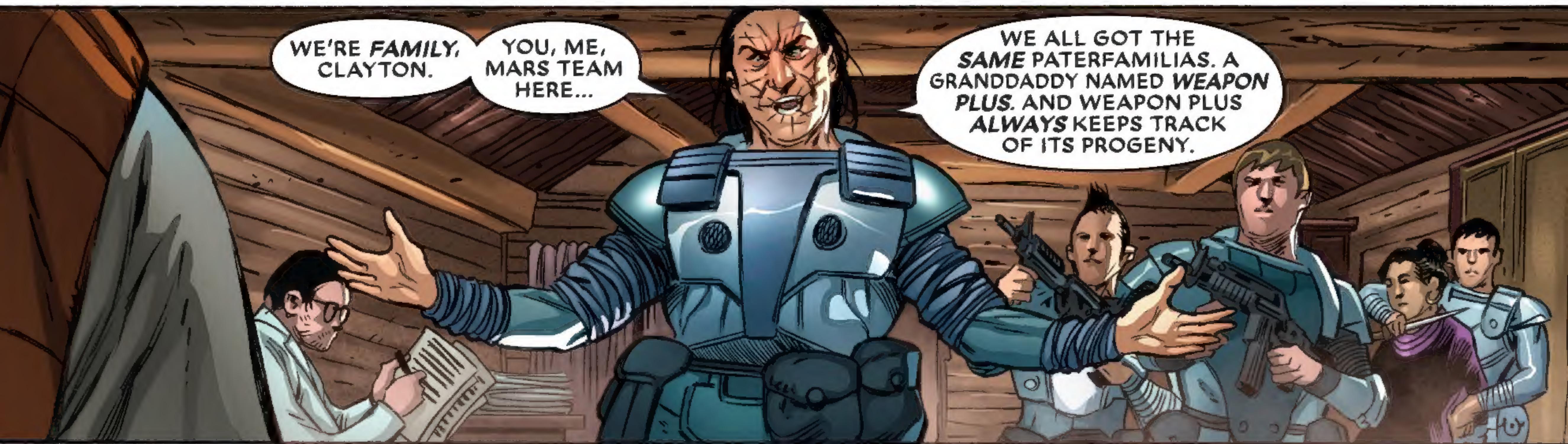
DRUMHELLER, ALBERTA.

I'M GOING TO
MISS THIS
PLACE.









"BEFORE WEAPON PLUS, THERE WAS PROJECT: REBIRTH."

"WEAPON I. CAPTAIN AMERICA, THE SUPER-SOLDIER."

"THE LOSS OF WEAPON I WAS THE SHOT OF A STARTER PISTOL."

"BILLIONS OF DOLLARS SLICED OUT FROM BLACK BUDGETS AND INTO HUMAN ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS, ALL WITH ONE DIRECTIVE:

"DELIVER A SUPER-SOLDIER TO MATCH WEAPON I."

"WEAPON PLUS WAS BORN."

"THE COLD WAR ONLY SERVED TO DRIVE THE DISPARATE PROGRAMS THAT MADE UP WEAPON PLUS EVEN HARDER."

"WHERE PROJECT: REBIRTH WAS CREATED IN OPPOSITION TO THE AXIS, WEAPON PLUS DEFINED ITSELF BY ITS OPPOSITION TO THE SOVIET UNION AND THEIR OWN DEPARTMENT X."

"THAT ALL CHANGED IN 1965."

"THAT WAS WHEN WEAPON PLUS FOUND THEY HAD A NEW ENEMY TO OPPOSE."

"DESIGNATE: GRENDEL."

"A DRAGON OF LIQUID HATRED, FROZEN IN ICE."

"EXTRATERRESTRIAL IN ORIGIN."

"CAN YOU IMAGINE IT? THE TERROR OF IT?"

"THE HORRIFYING KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR ENEMY WAS NOT MAN, BUT THE DARK VASTNESS OF SPACE ITSELF? AN EXISTENTIAL ENEMY THAT WAS UNKNOWABLE, IMPOSSIBLE TO ANTICIPATE?"

"WEAPON PLUS WAS DRIVEN INSANE BY THIS REVELATION."

"IT FRACTURED, METASTASIZED LIKE CANCER, SHOT THROUGH WITH SHRIEKING TENDRILS OF PARANOIA."

"THEY REDOUBLED THEIR EFFORTS TO BOOTSTRAP LIVING CREATURES INTO VIABLE COMBAT ENHANCILES."

"1966. S.H.I.E.L.D. BEGINS ITS SYM-SOLDIER PROGRAM."

"WOUNDED SOLDIERS WERE BONDED TO SAMPLES OF THE GRENDEL ENTITY AND TESTED DURING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT."

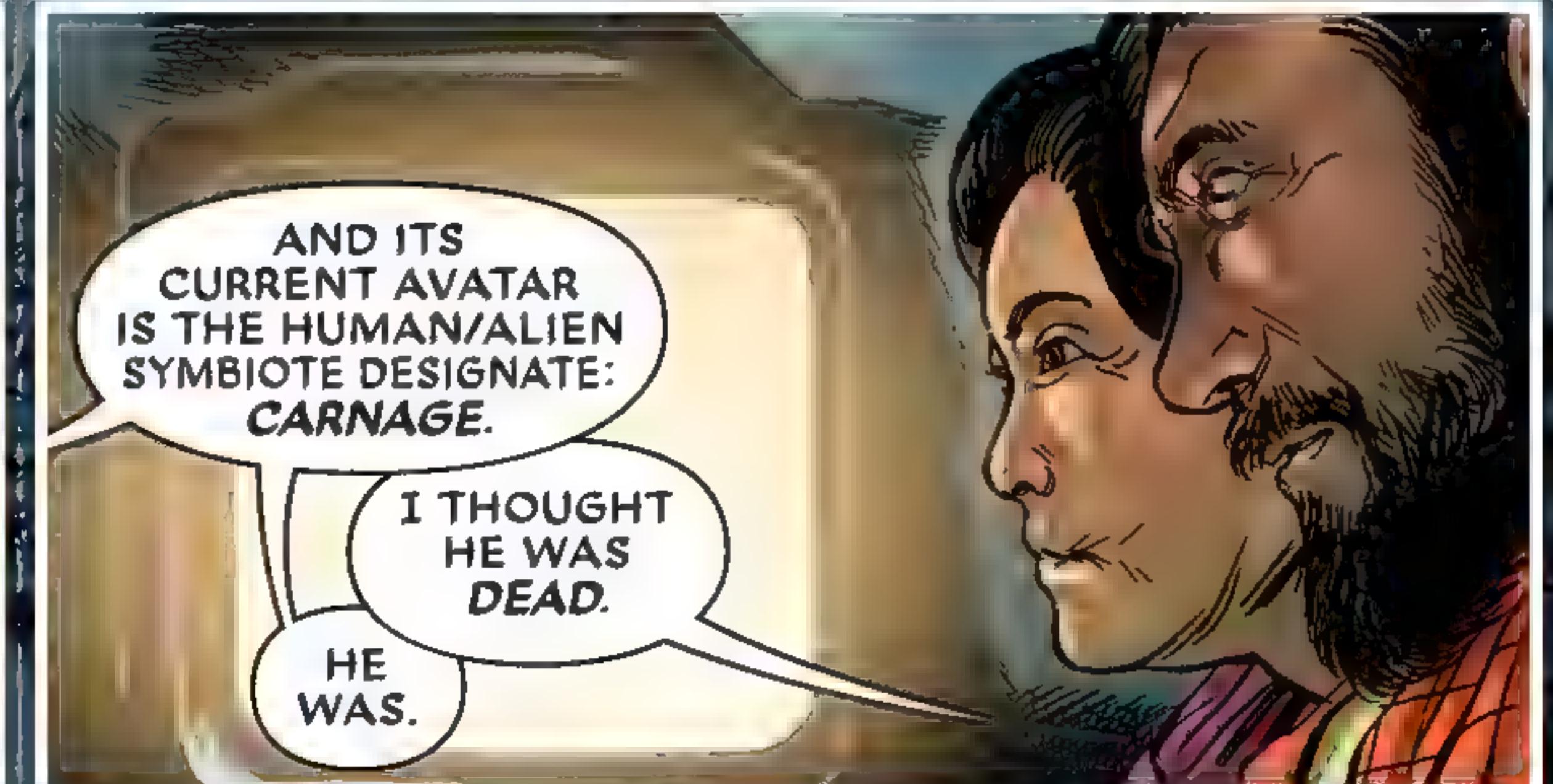
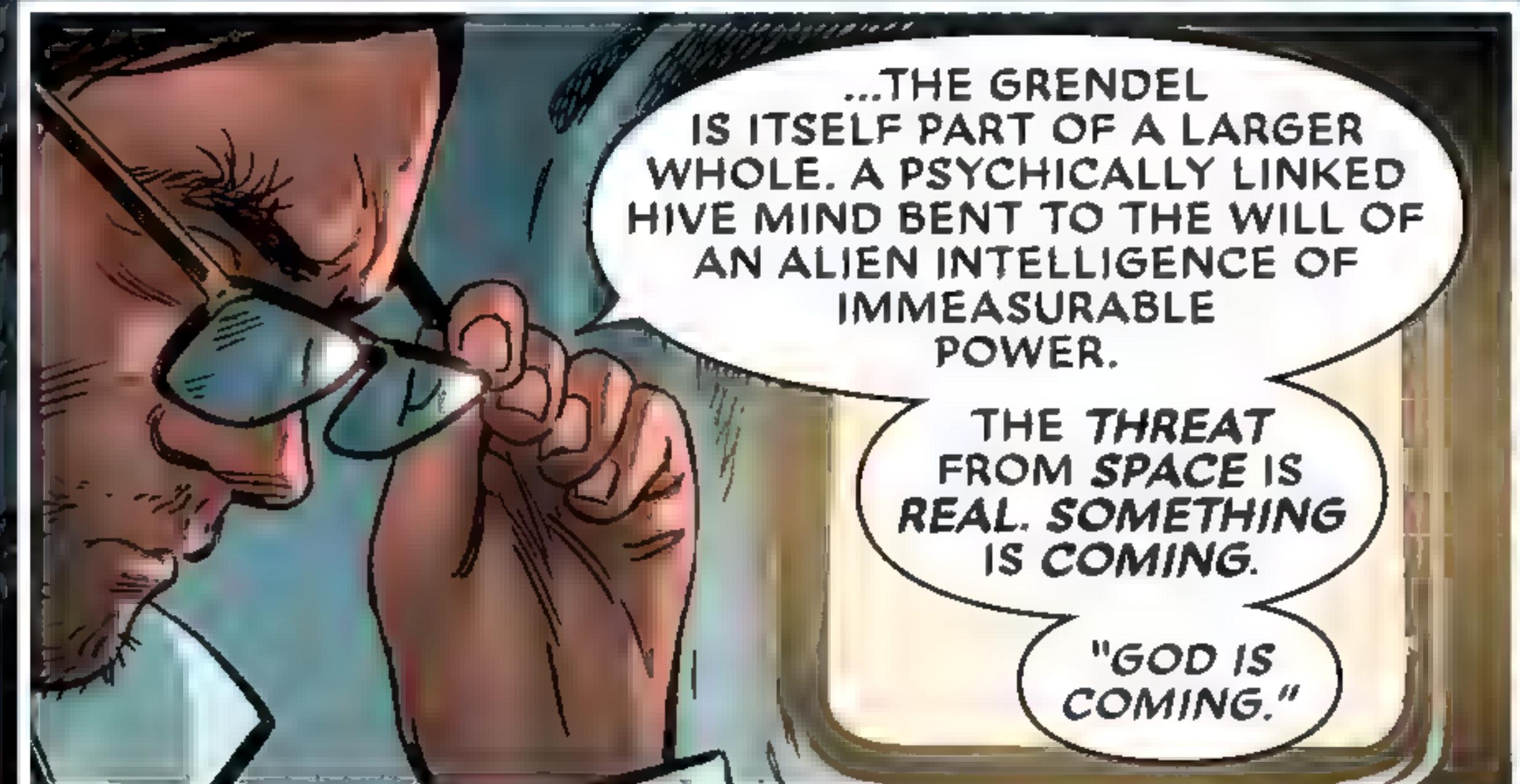
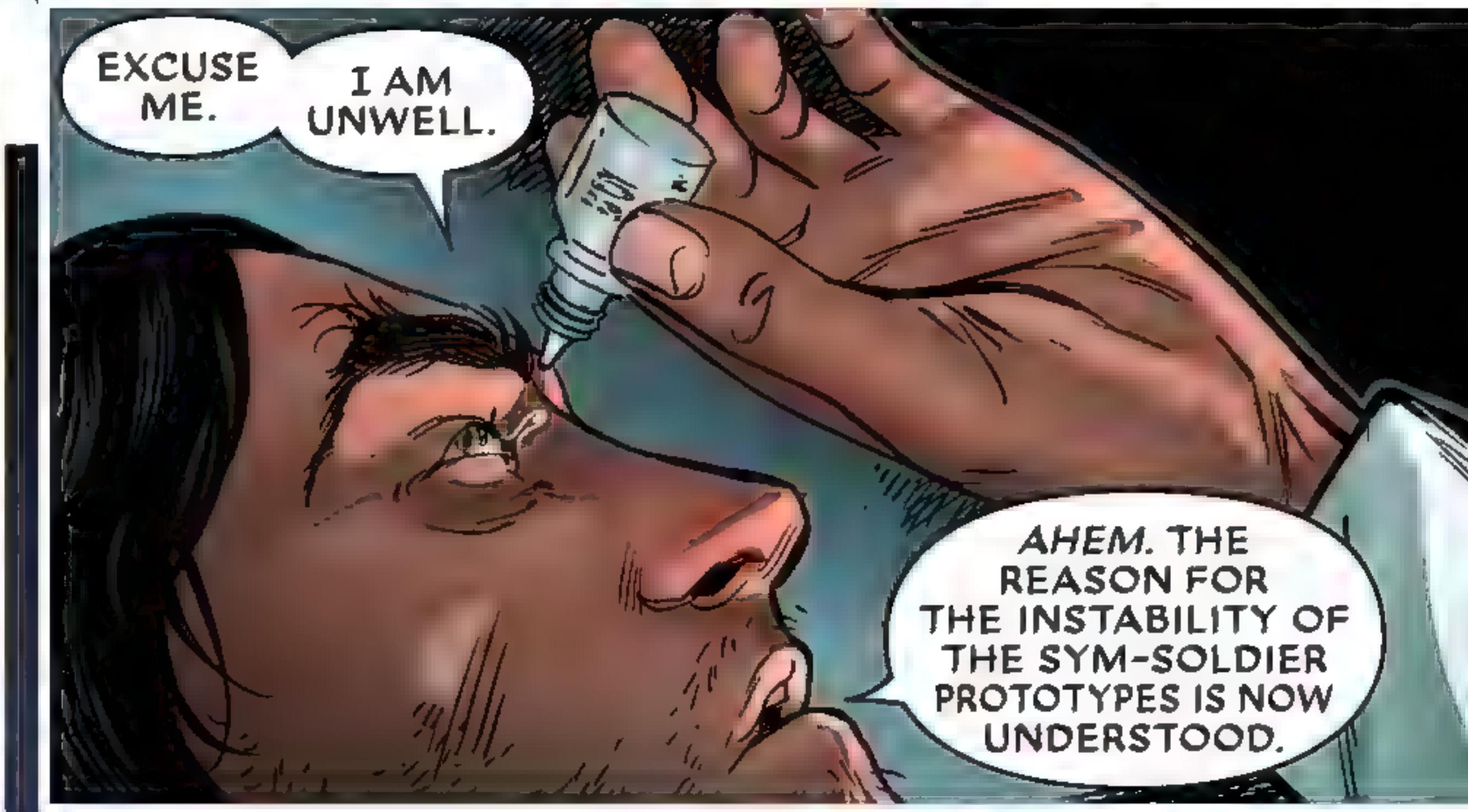
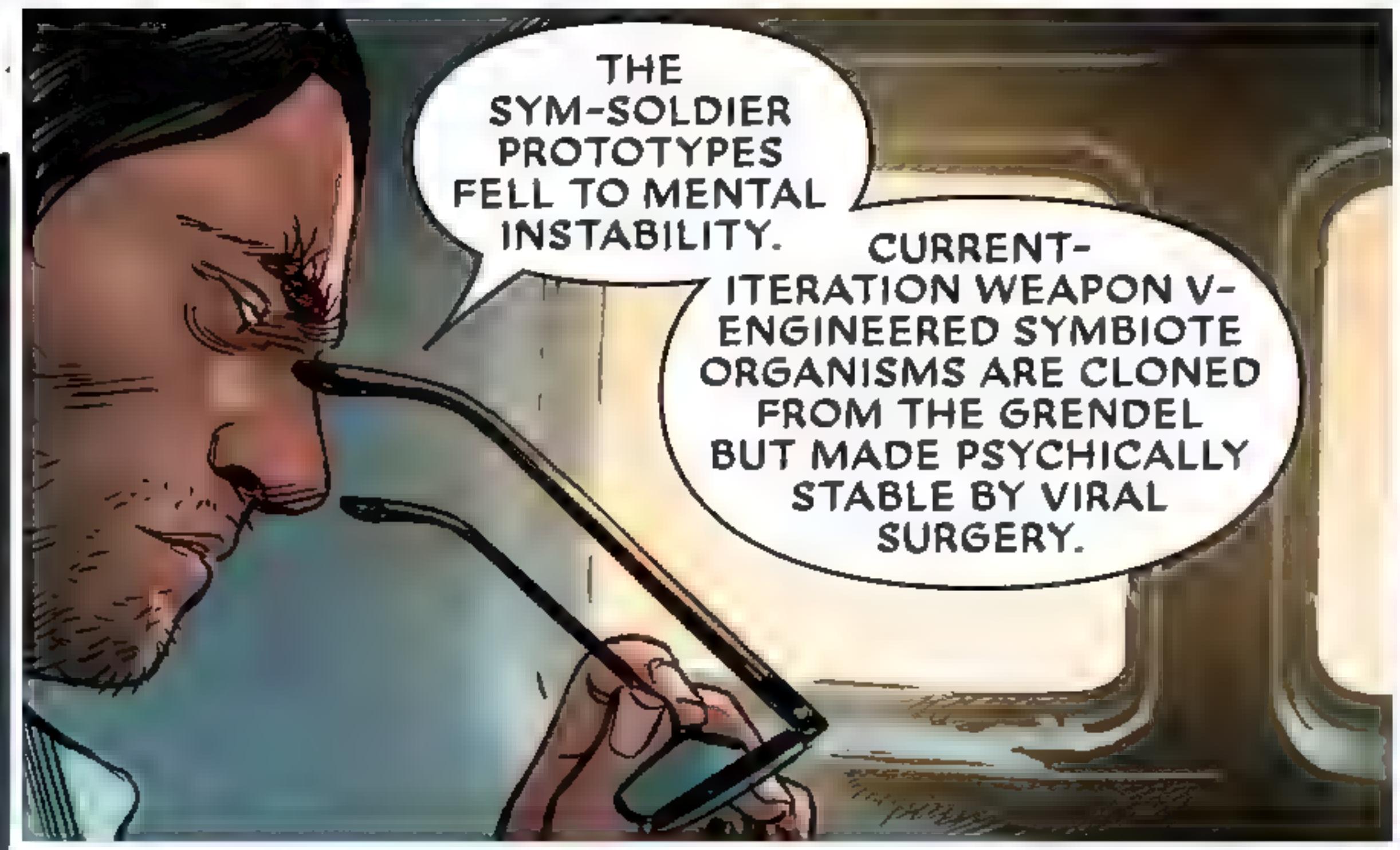
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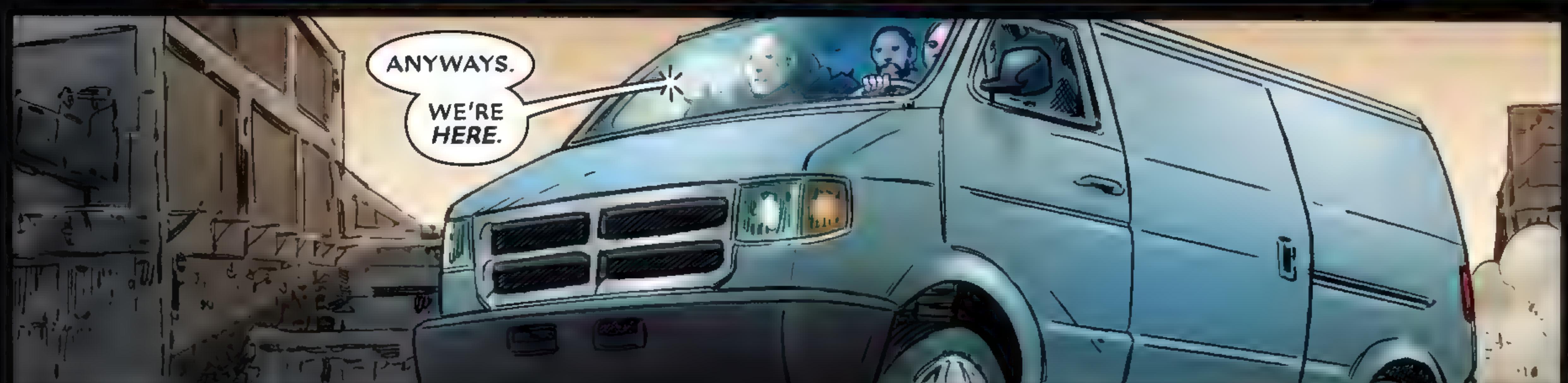
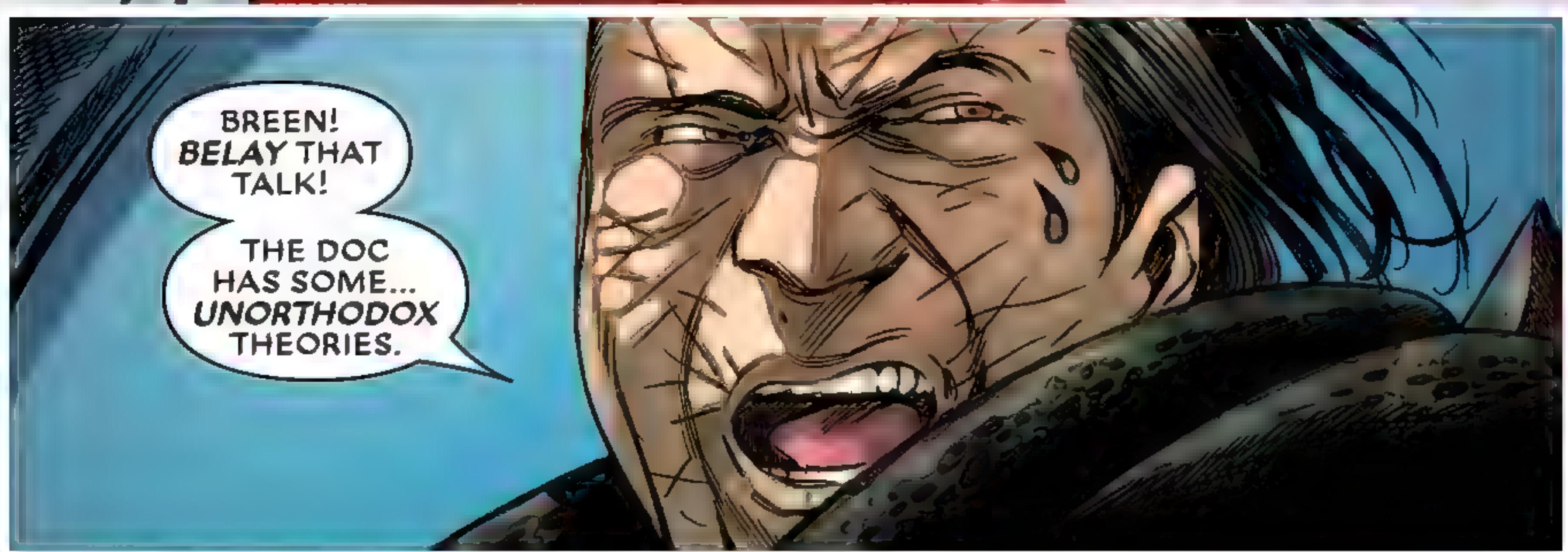
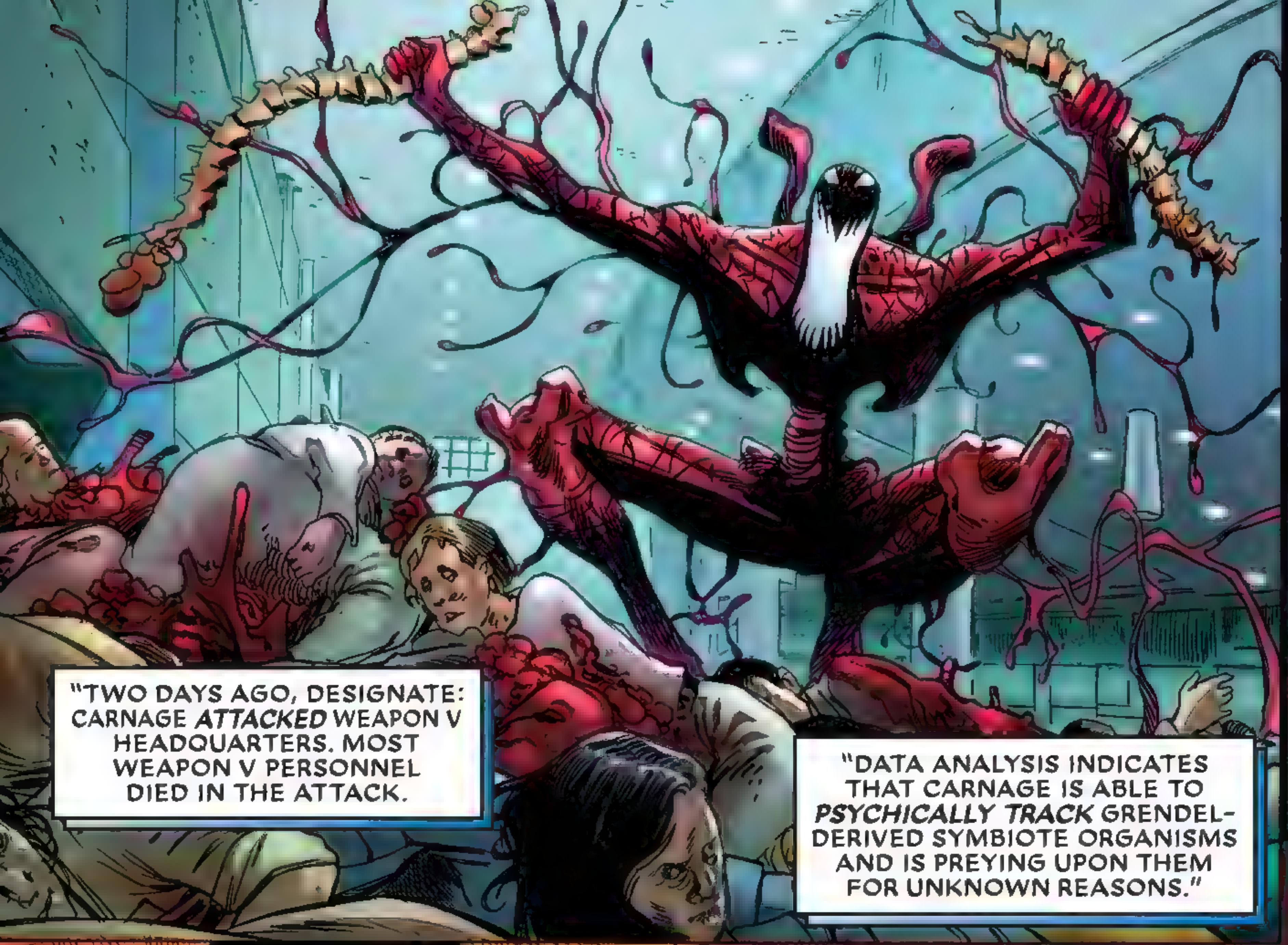
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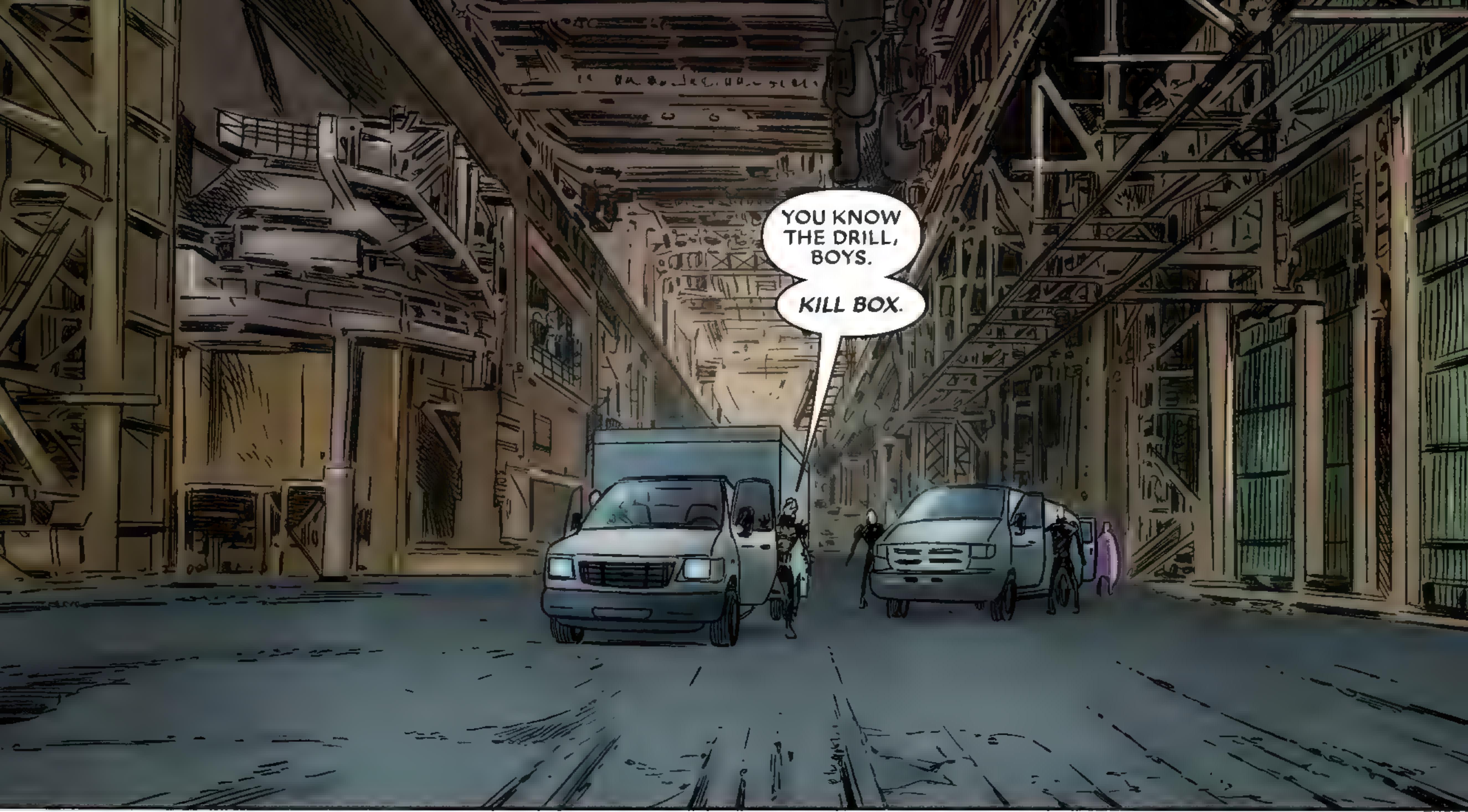
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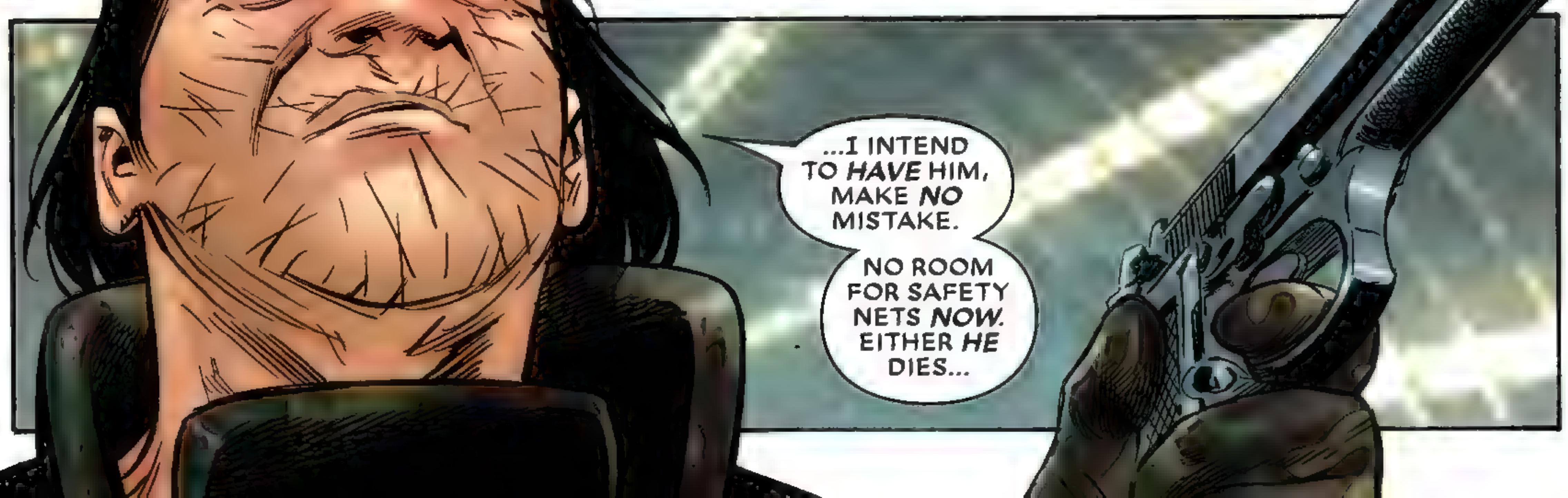
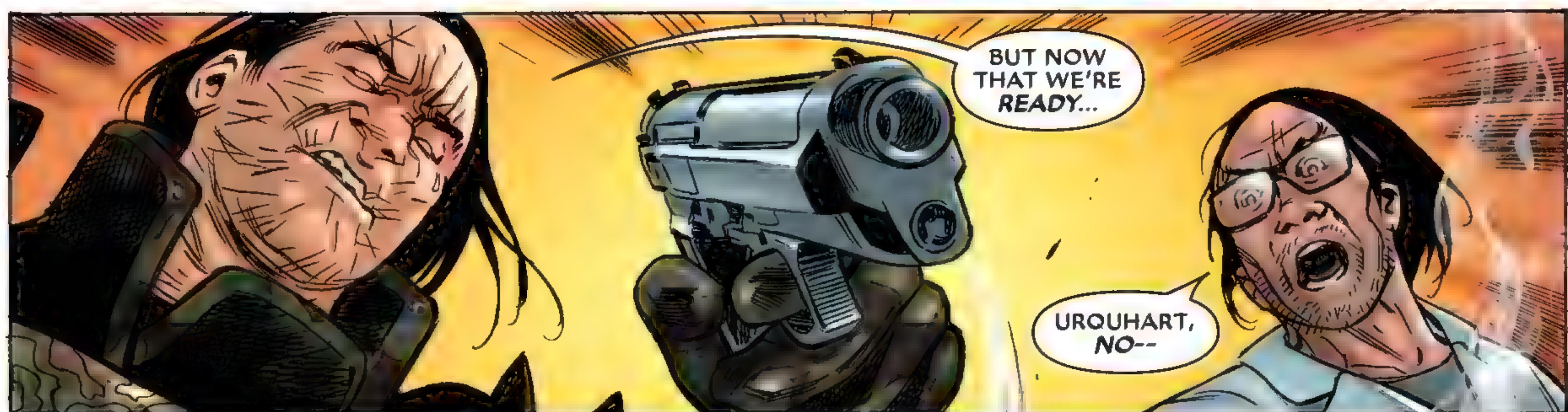
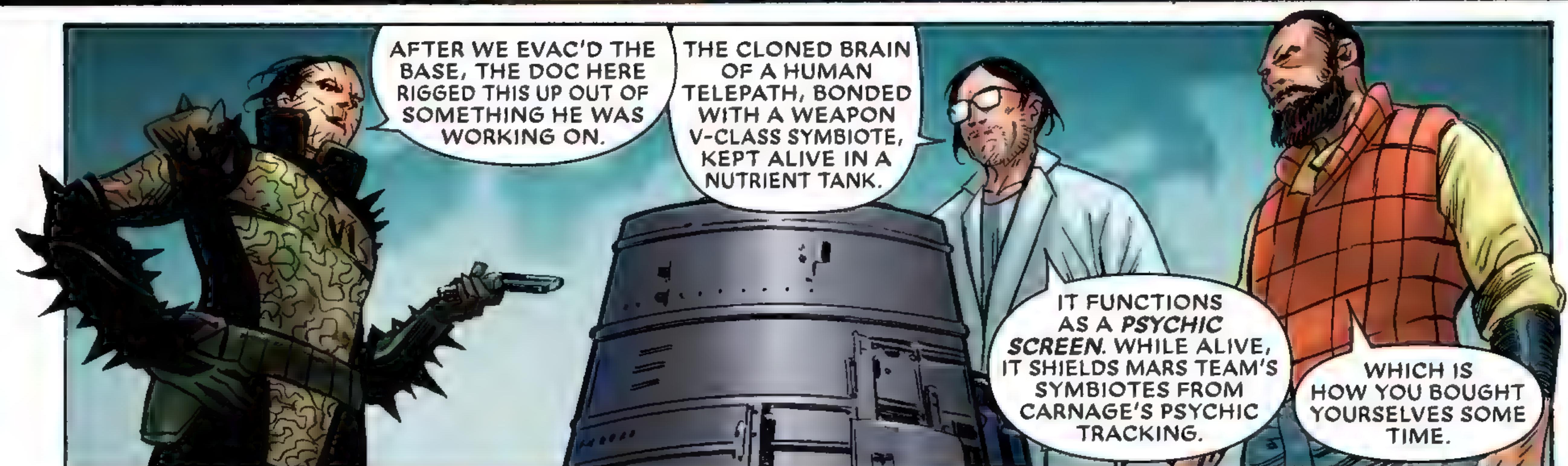
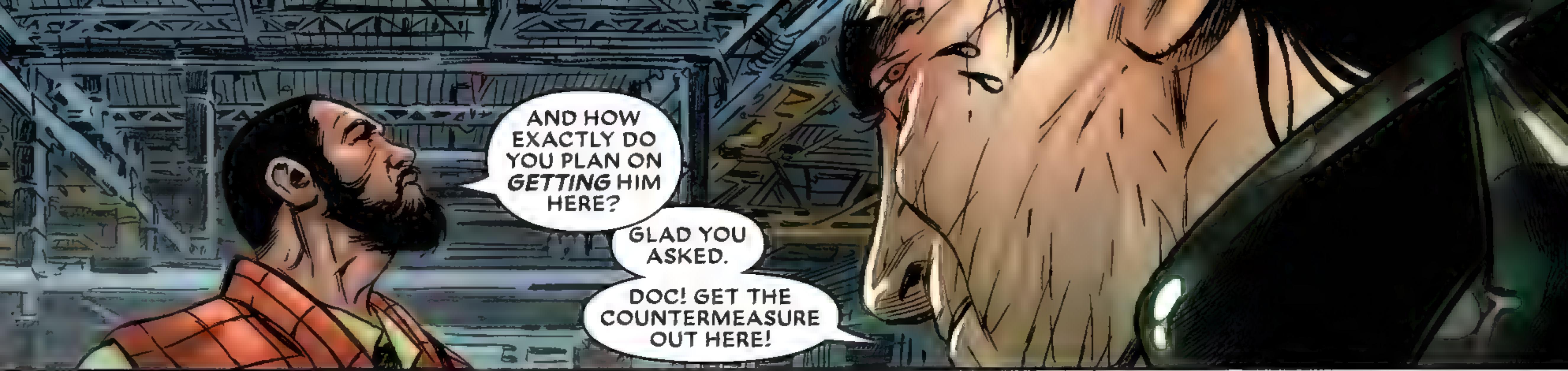
"OVER THE YEARS, S.H.I.E.L.D. AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DABBLED IN WEAPONIZING ALIEN SYMBIOTES, MOST COMMONLY THE DESIGNATE: VENOM ENTITY AND ITS OFFSPRING."

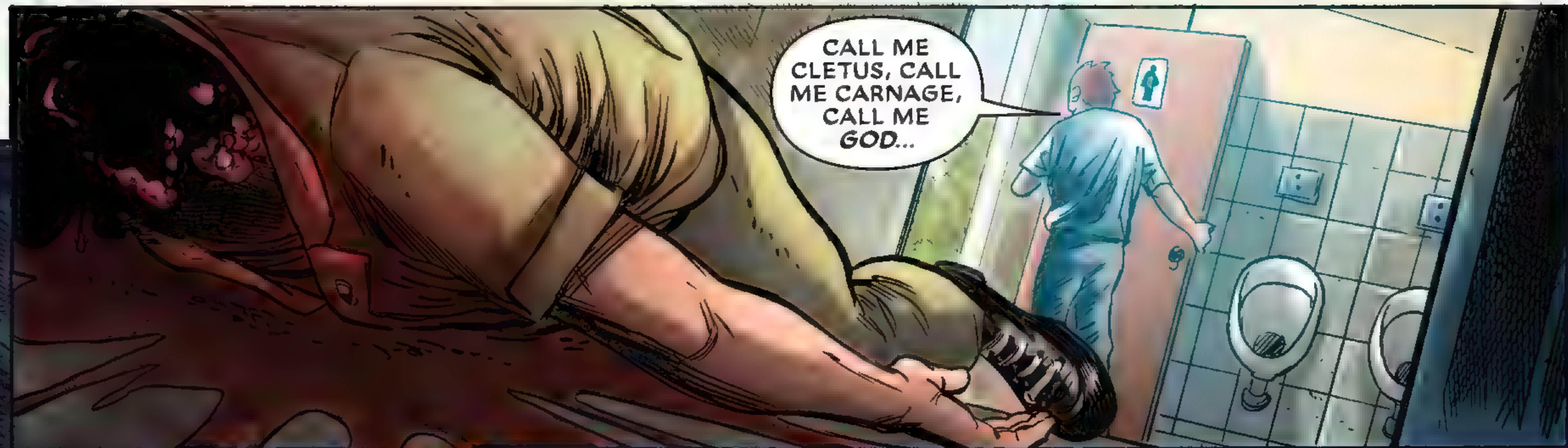
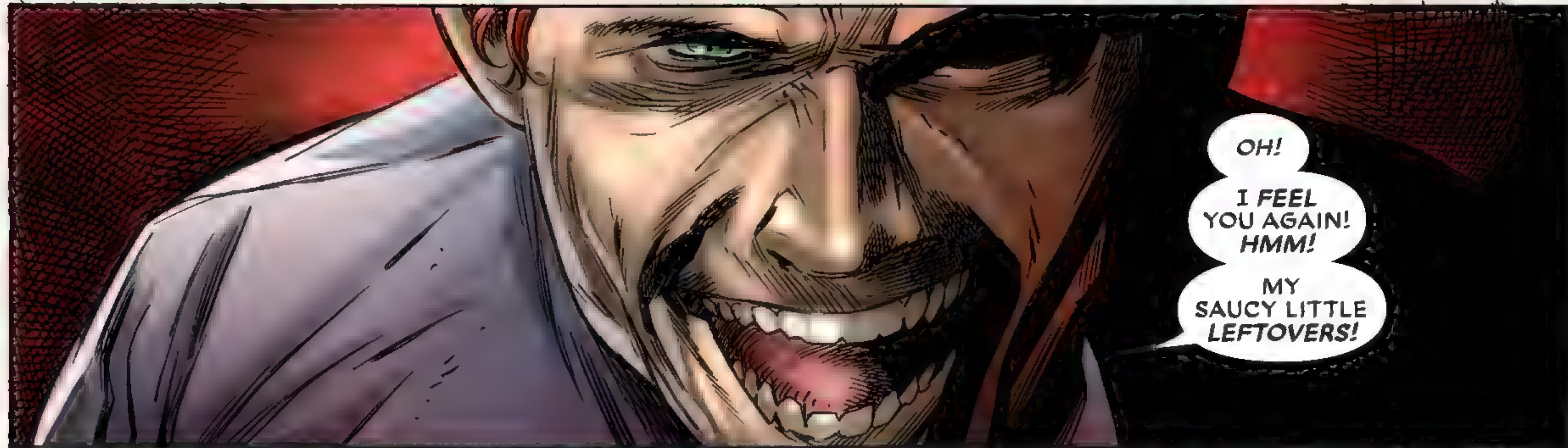
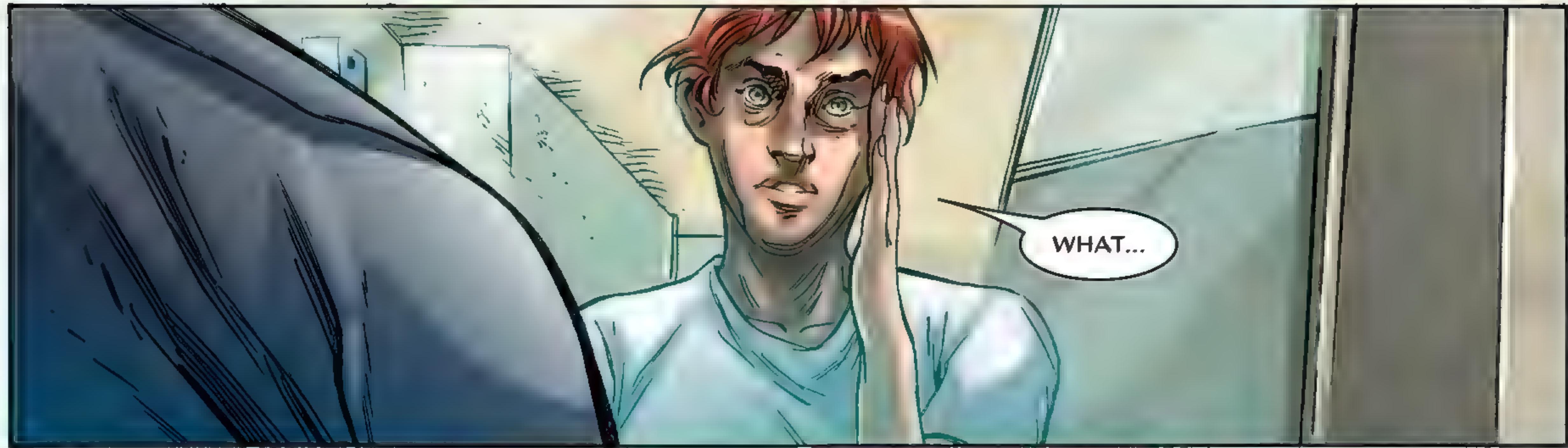
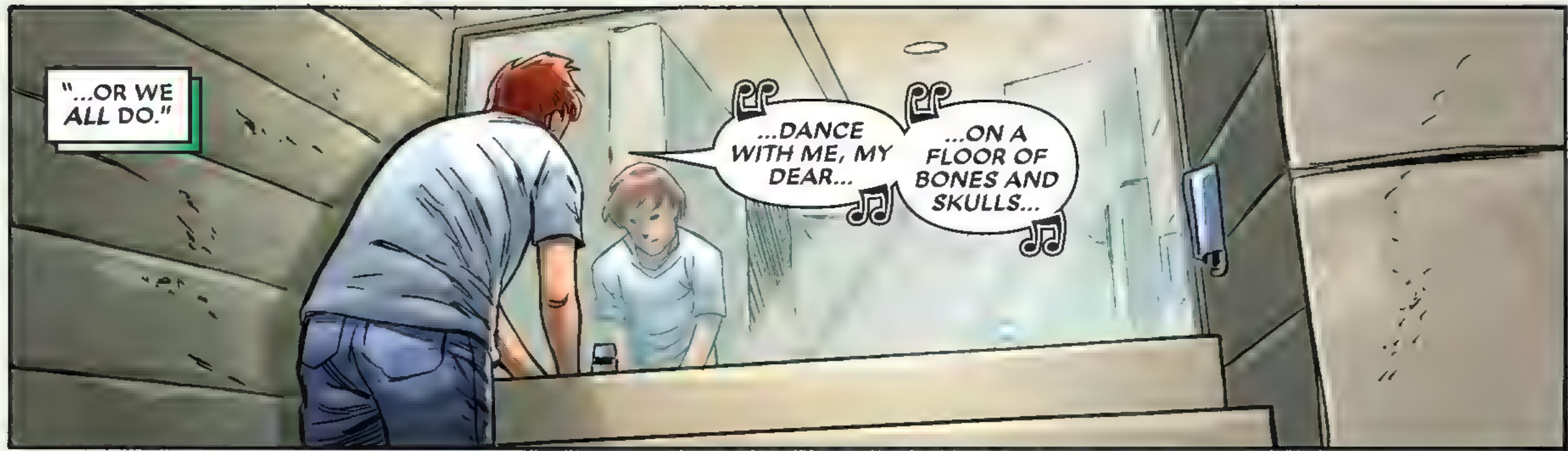
"WEAPON V DEVELOPED IN PARALLEL FROM THE SHADOWS, LEARNING, GLEANING DATA AND TECHNOLOGY."

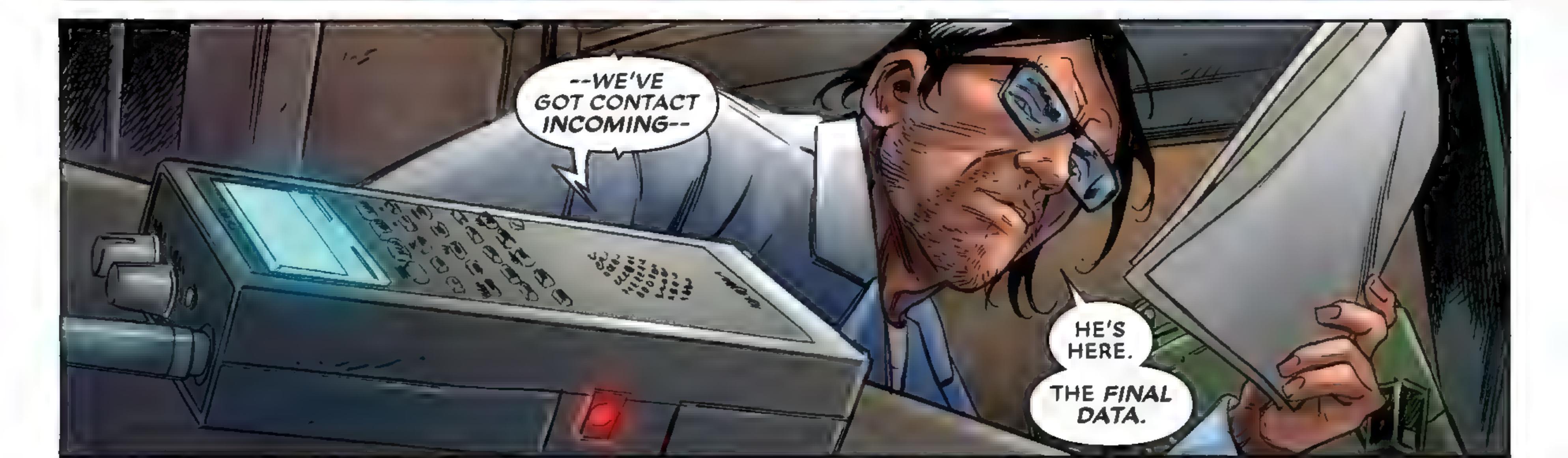
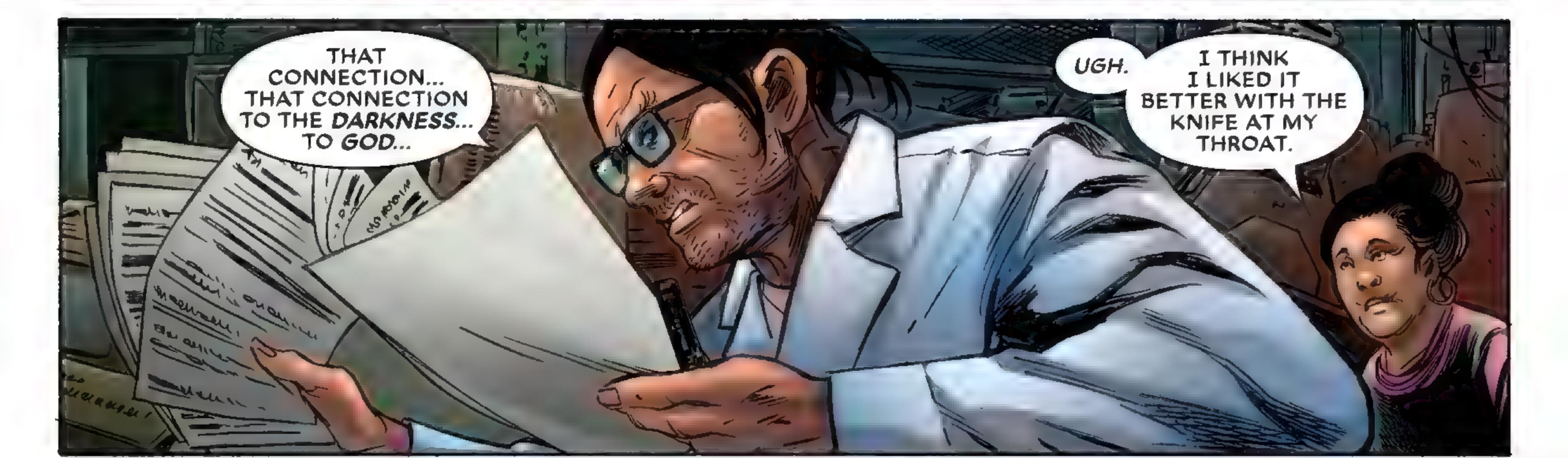
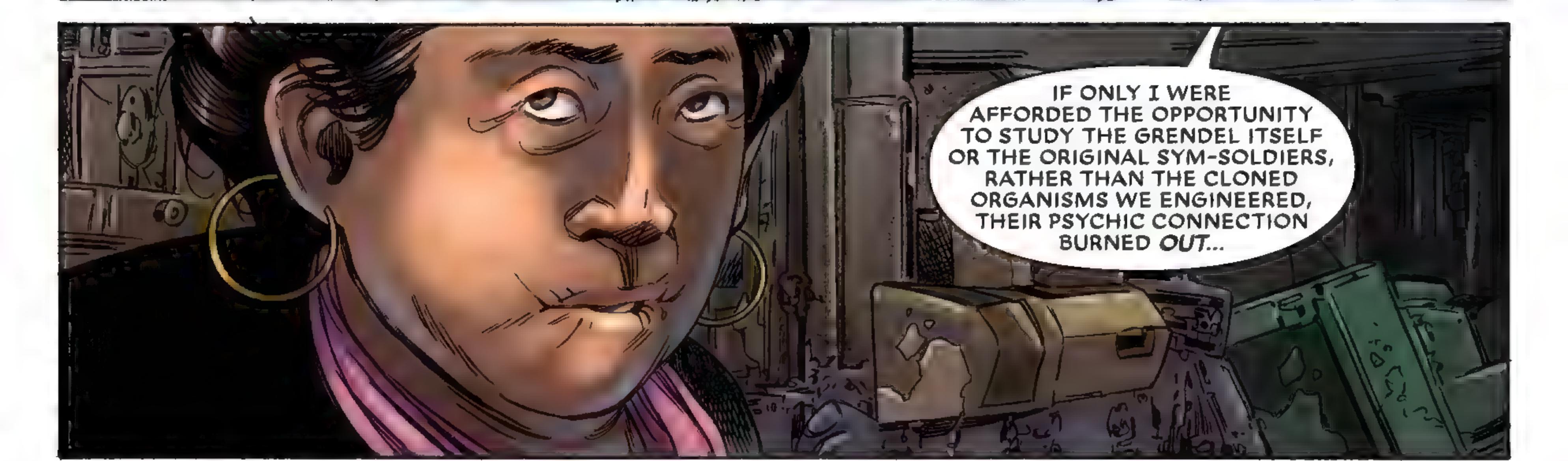


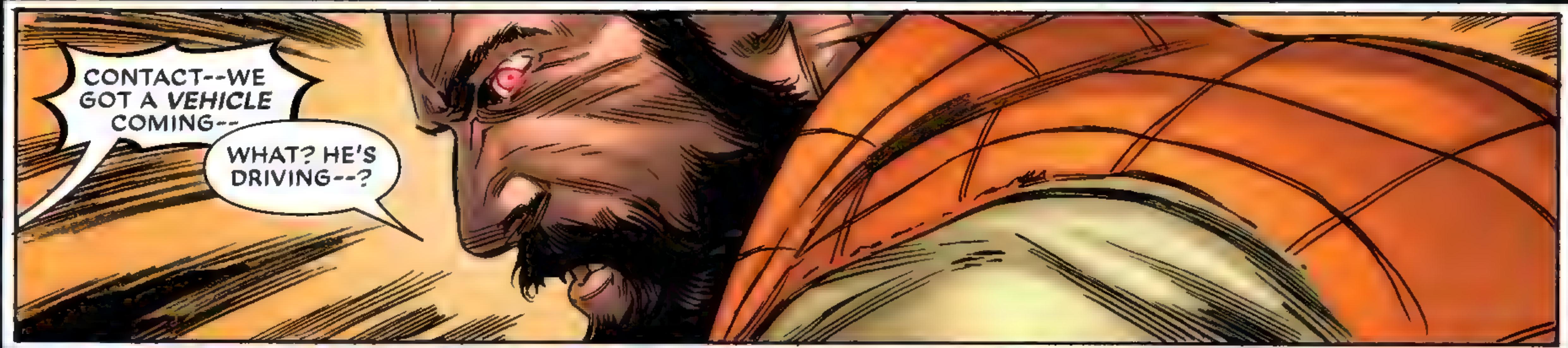


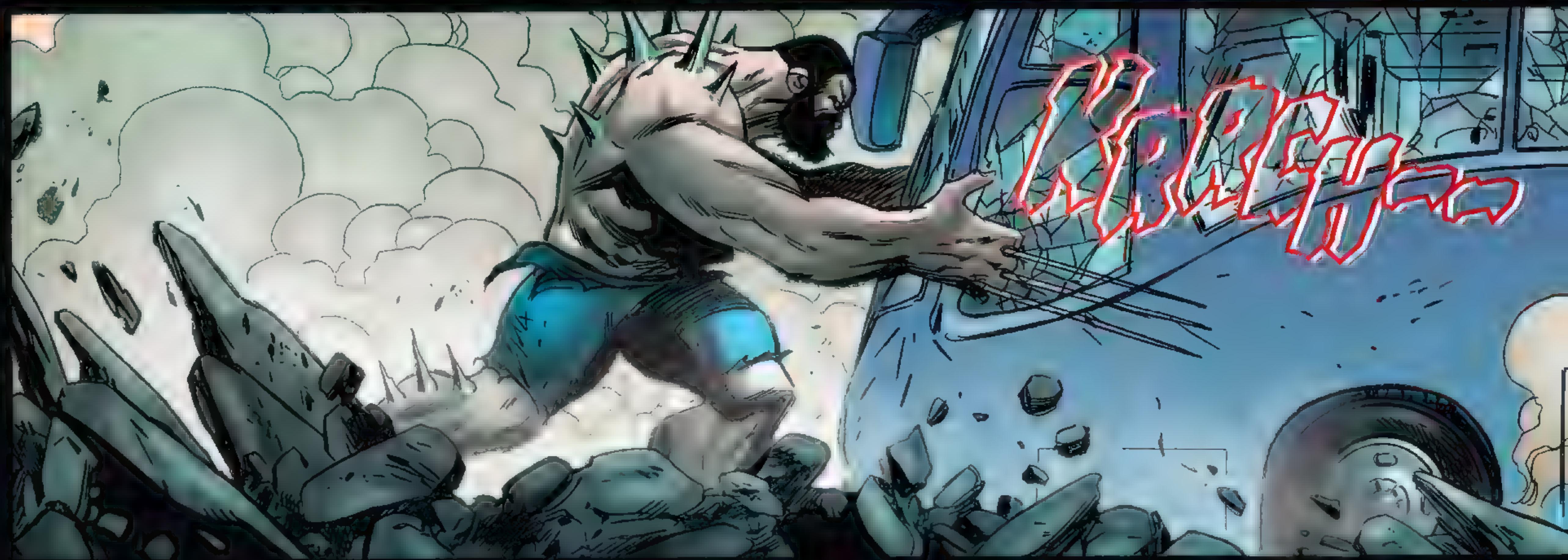
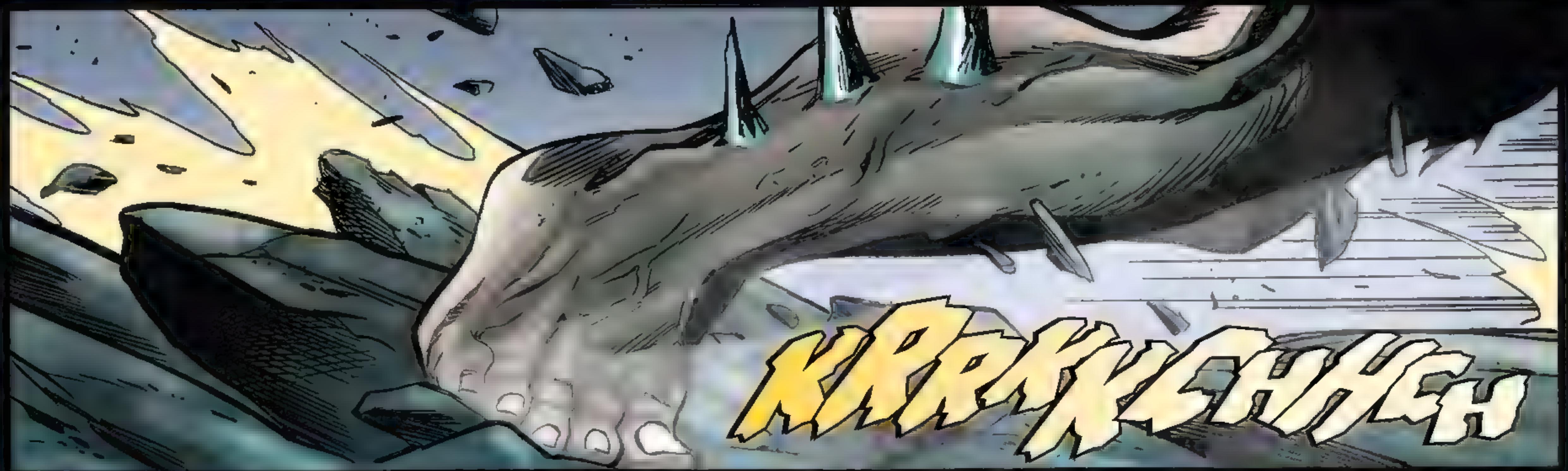
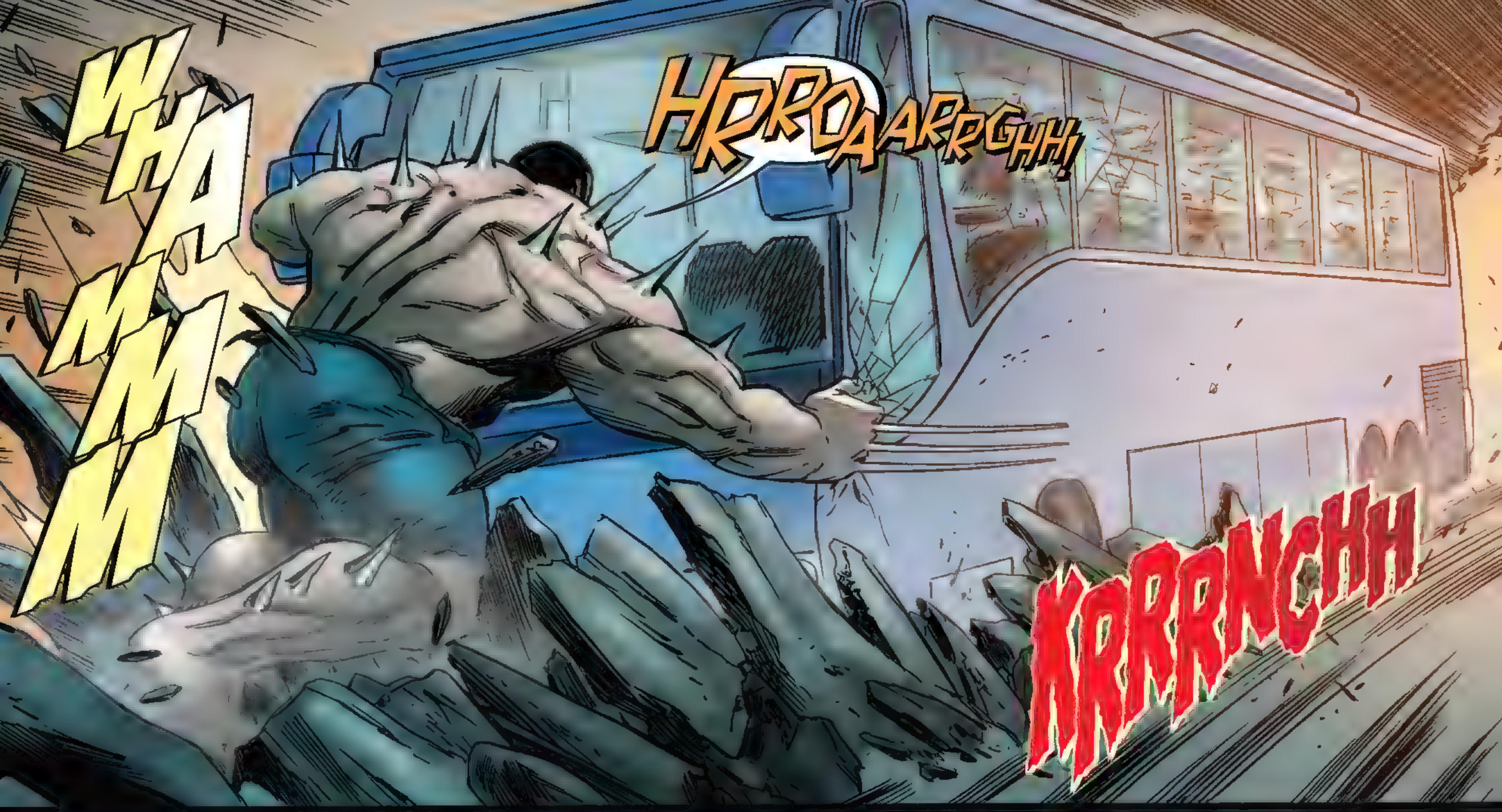


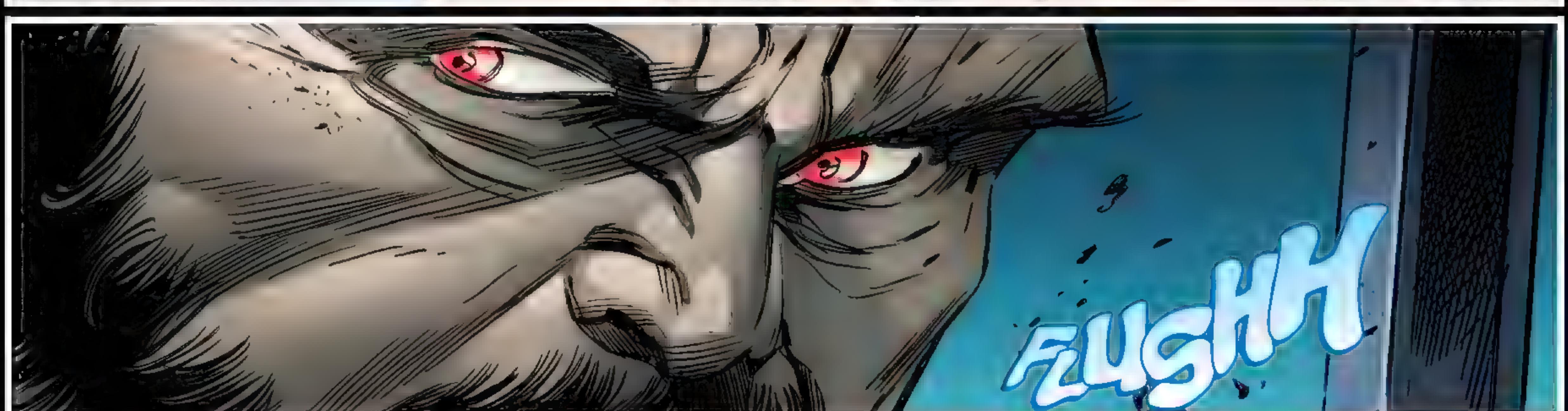
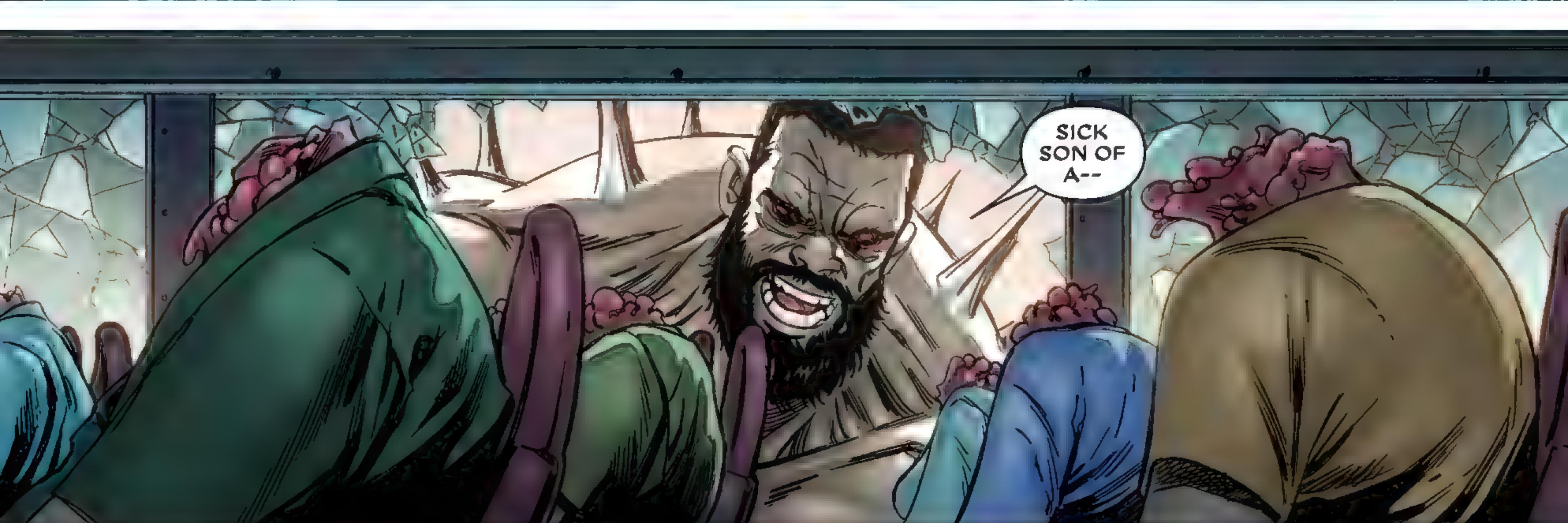


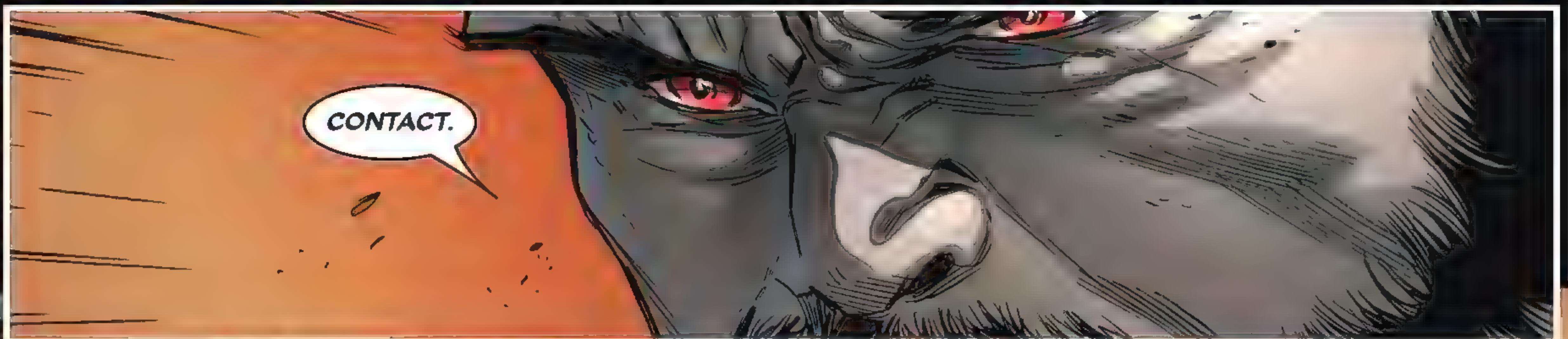
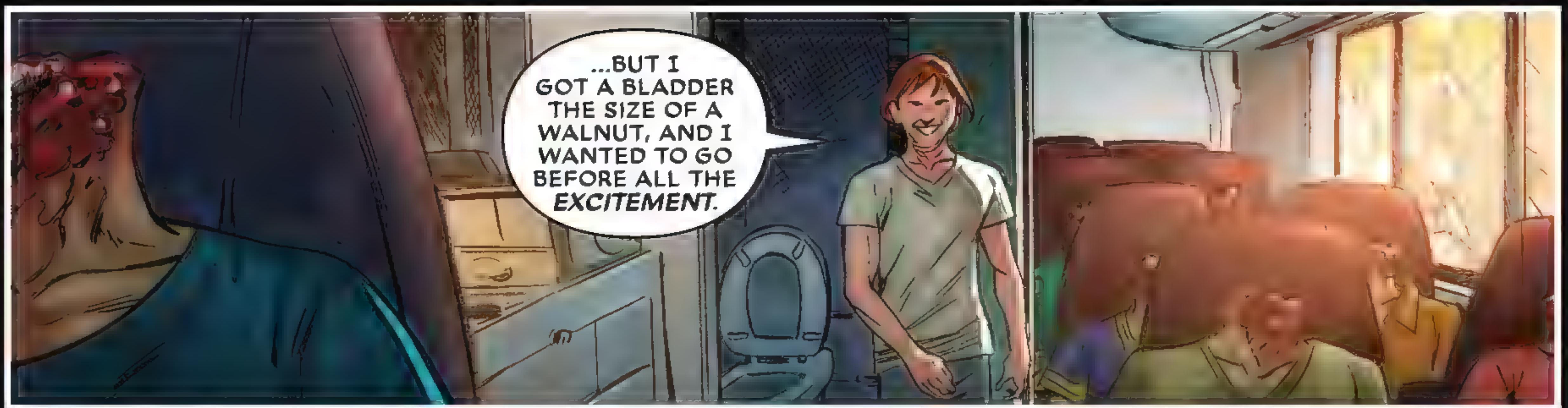












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YOU LUNATIC!

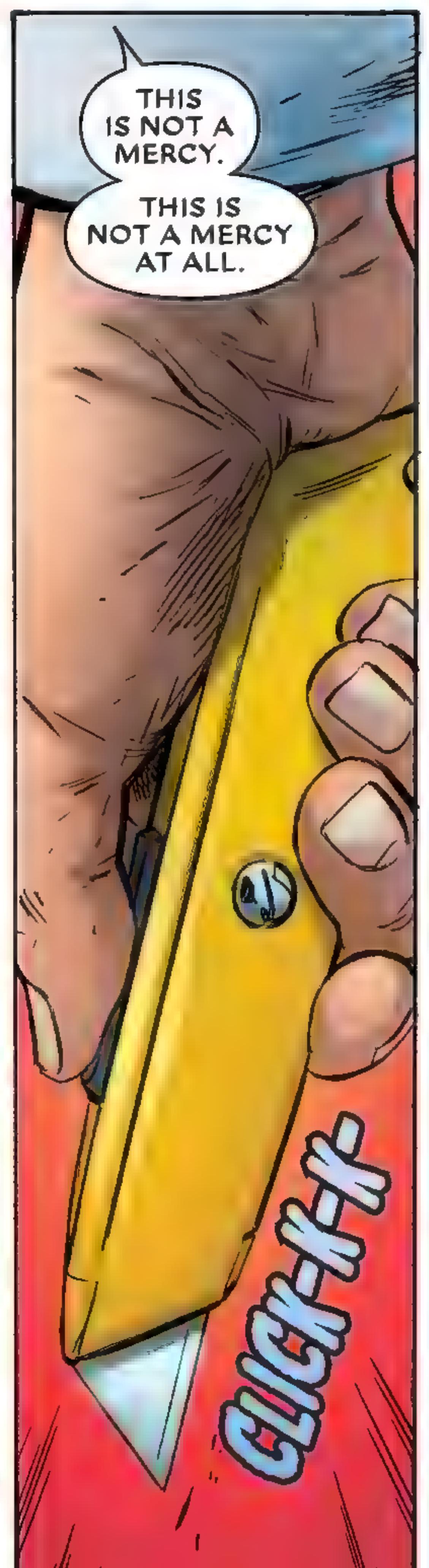
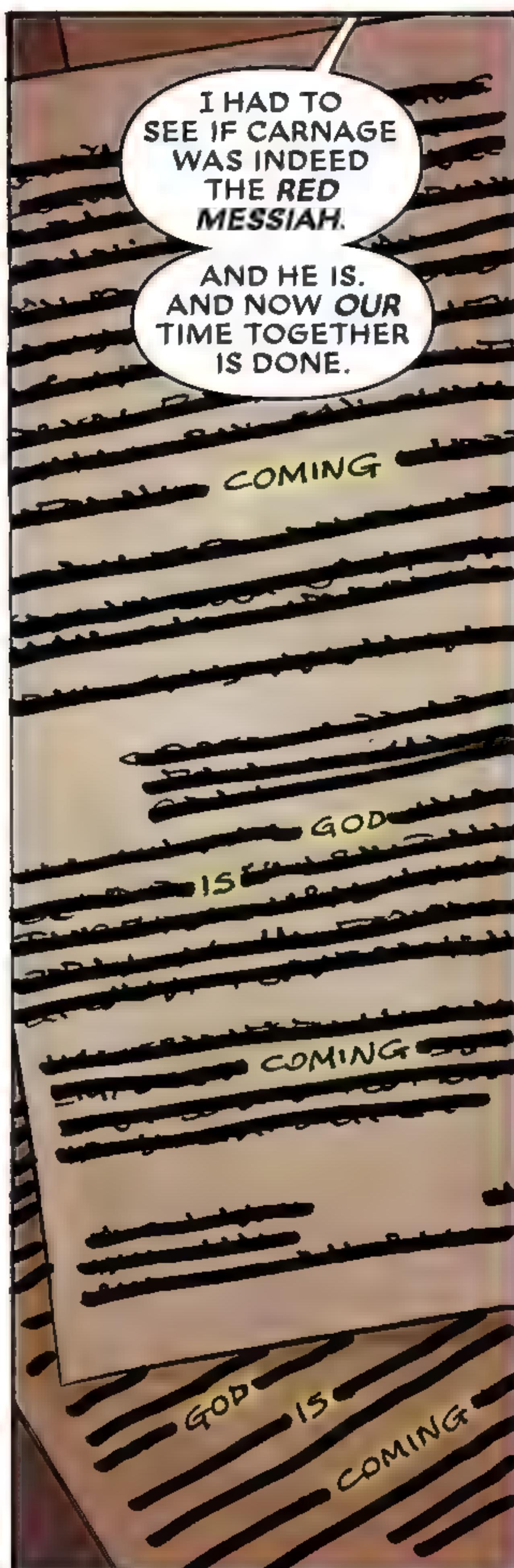
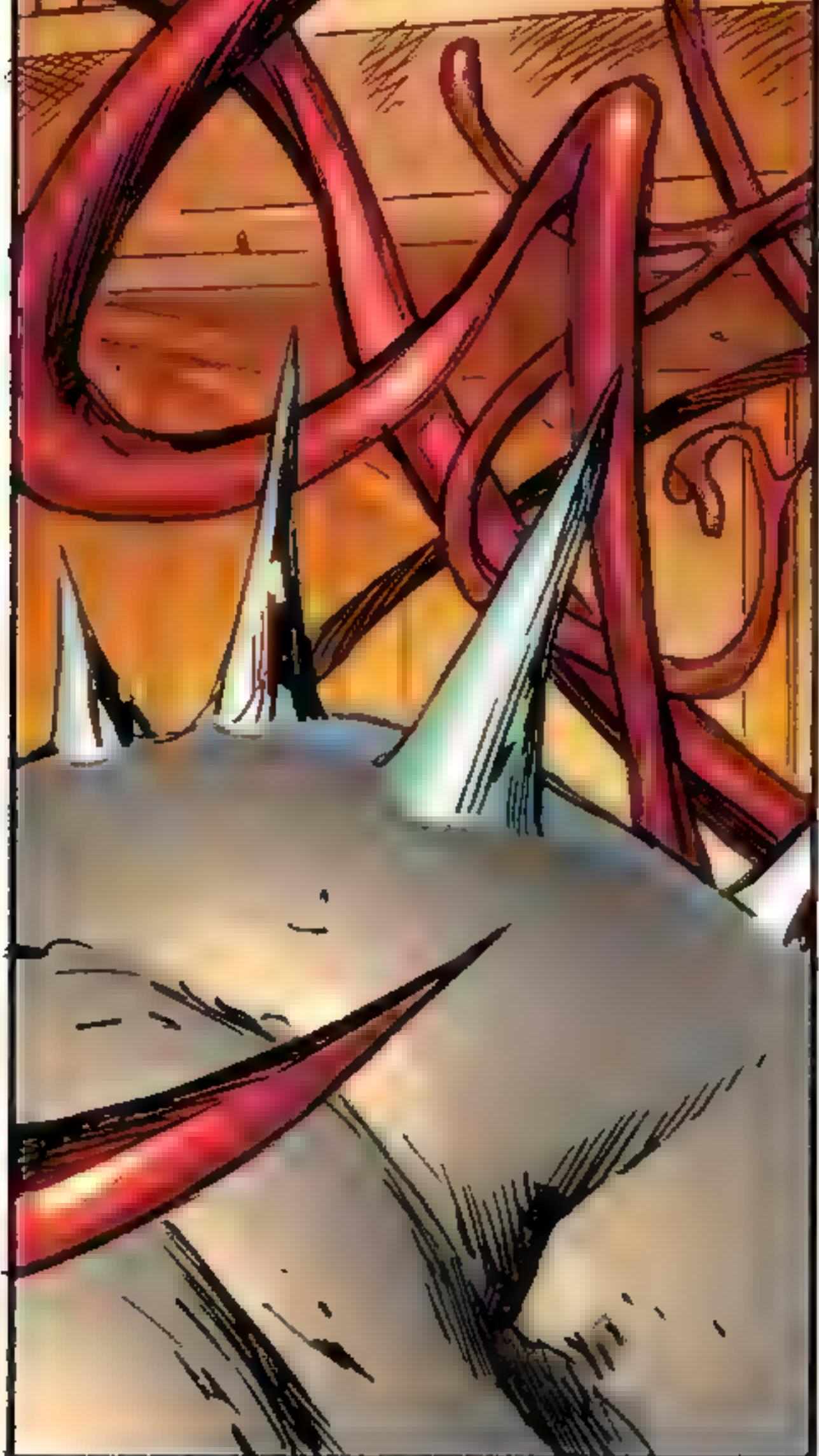
DRY
YOUR EYES,
CLAYTON.

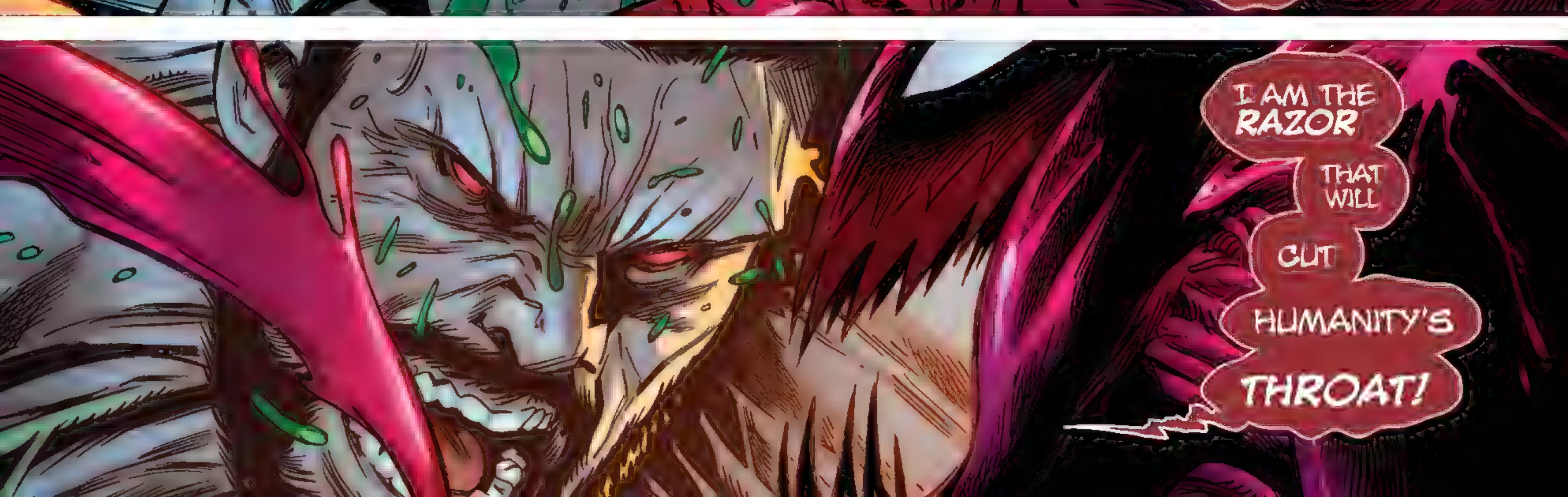
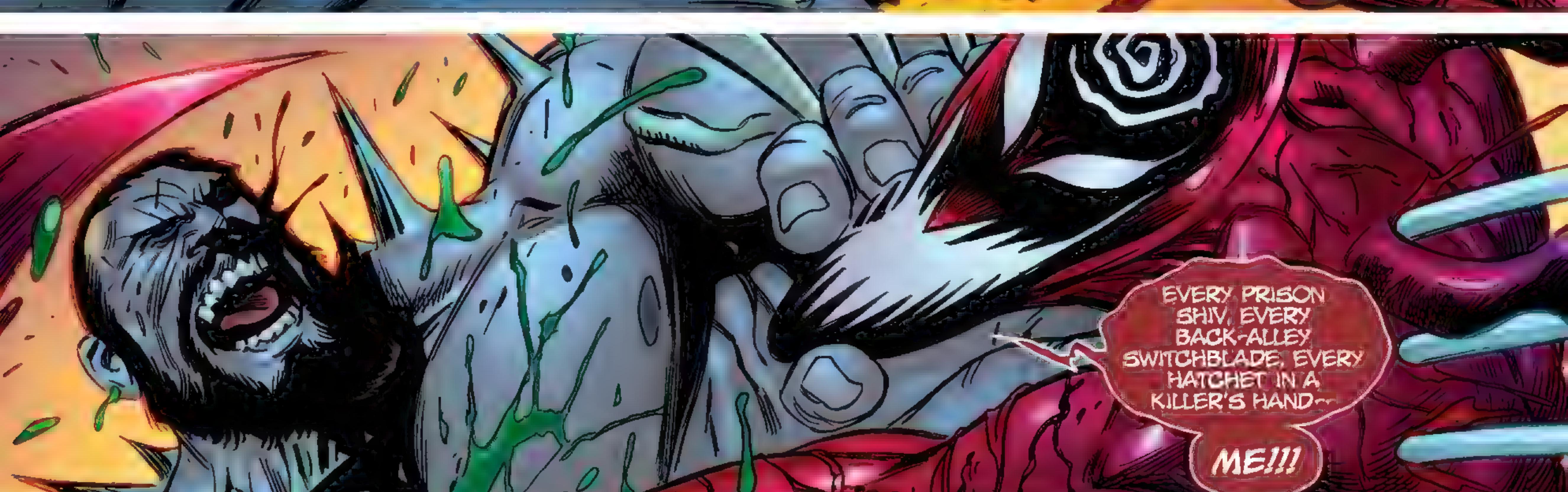
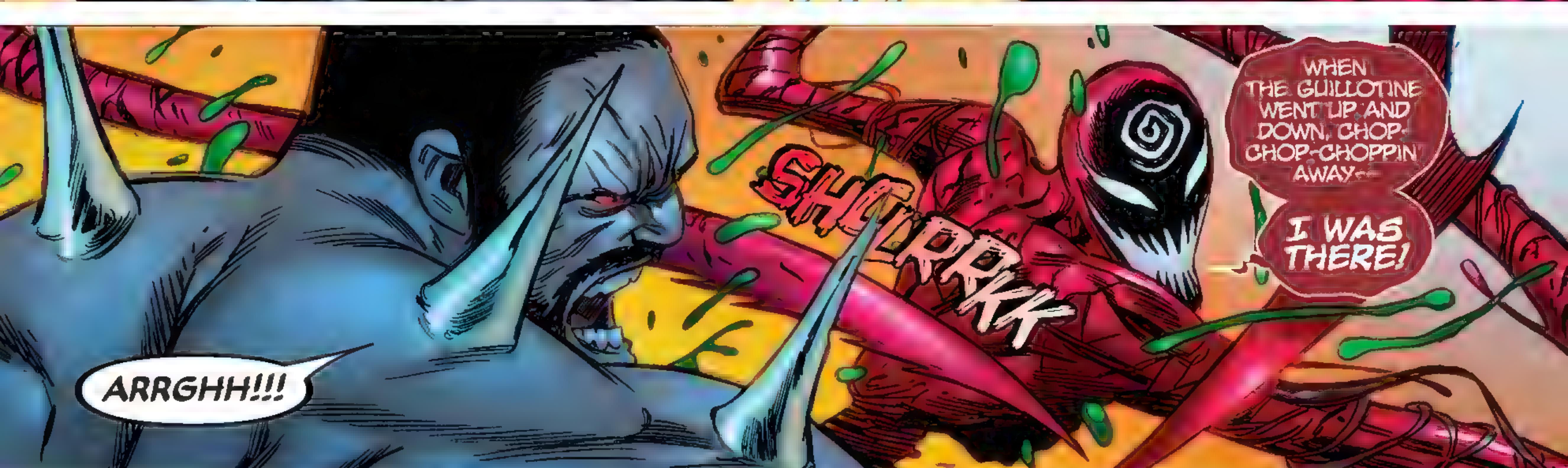
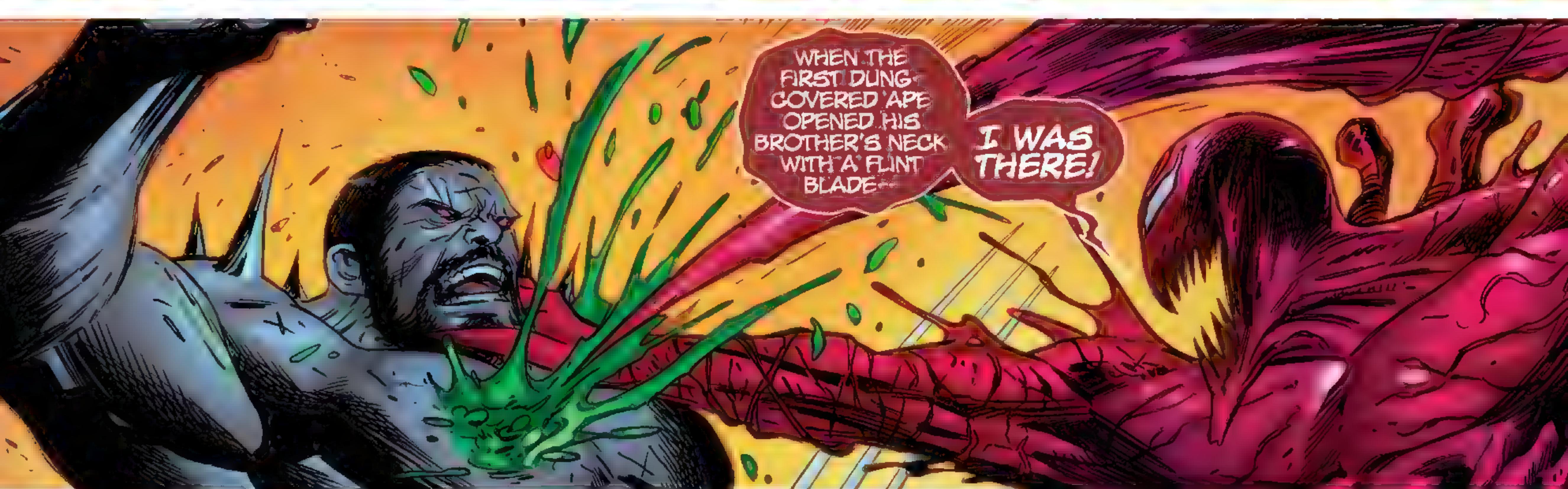
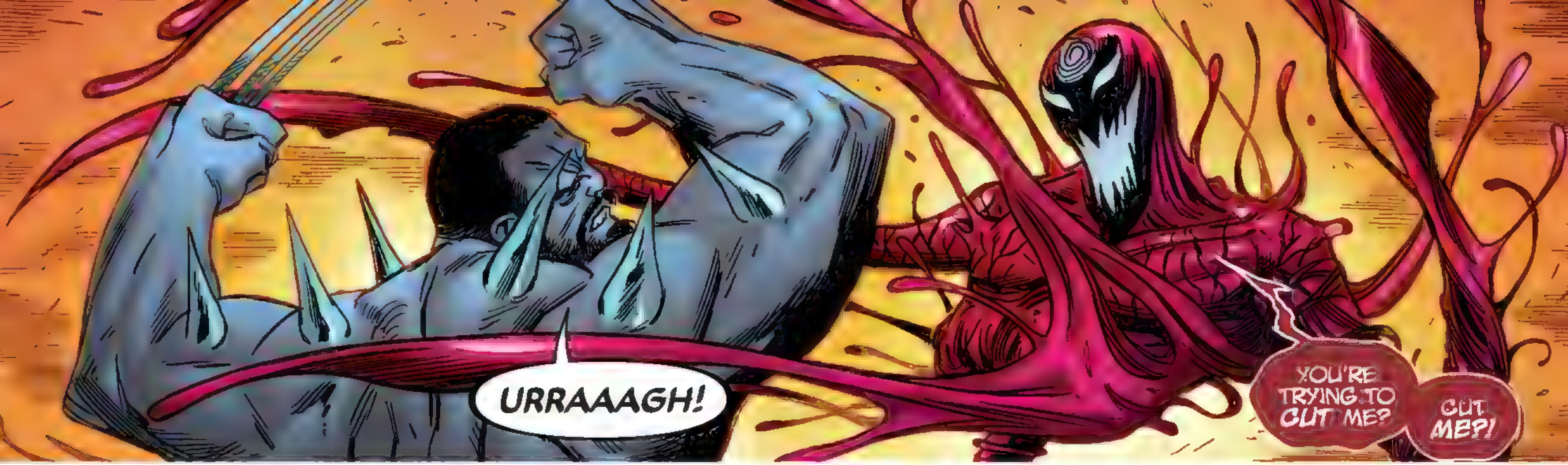
FIND
ME A
BODY.

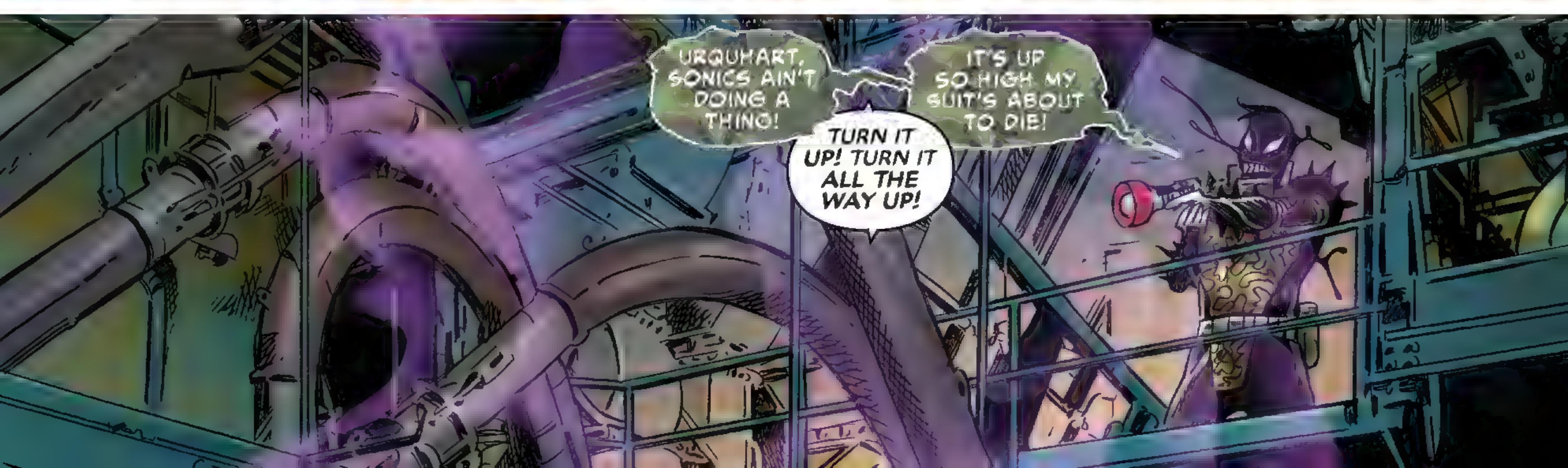
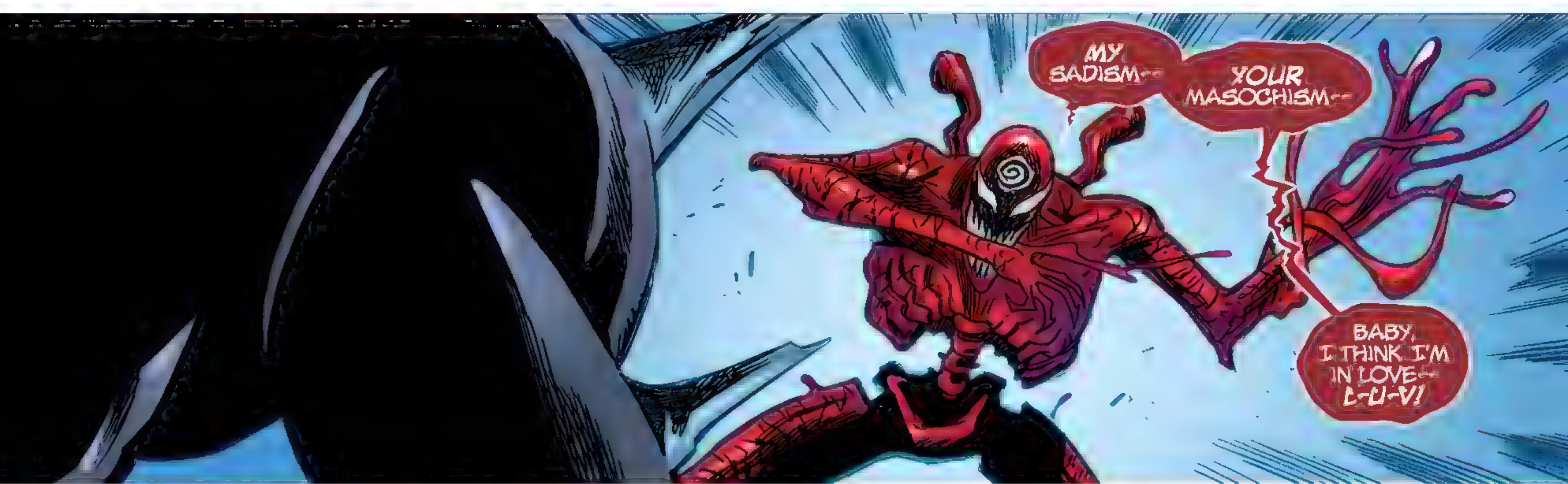
ANYTHING
LEFT IN THERE
IS CARBON.

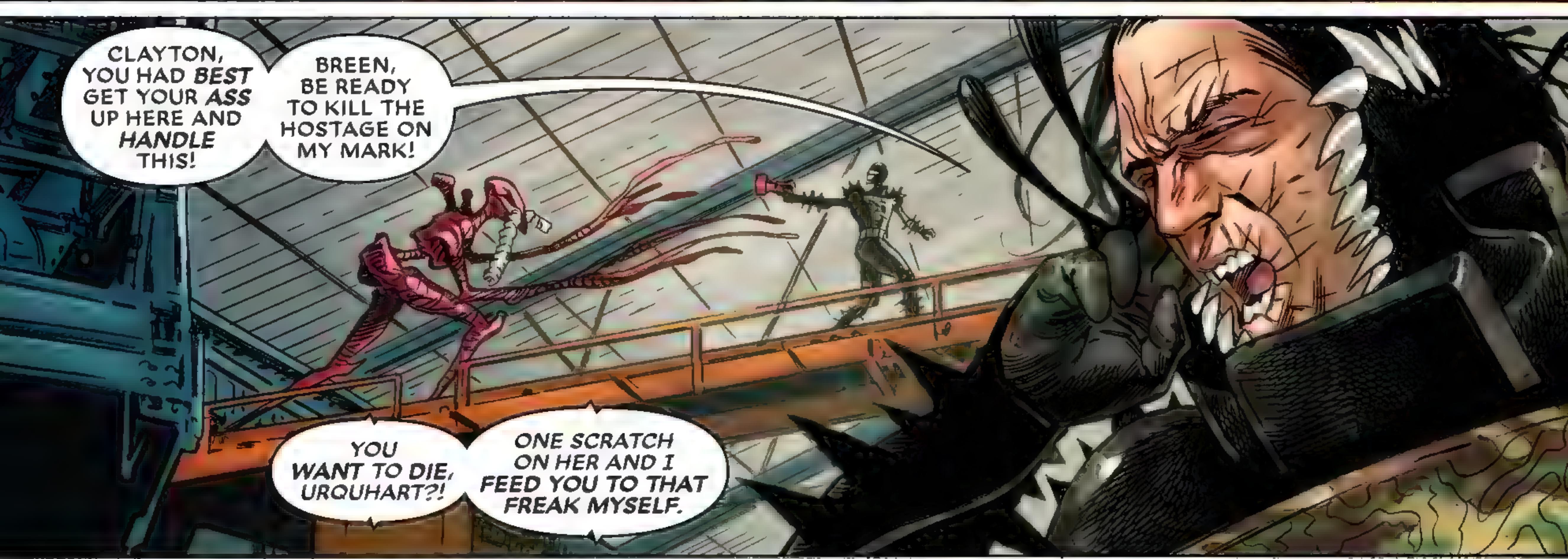
YOU
SAID THIS
GUY DIDN'T
LIKE FIRE,
RIGHT?

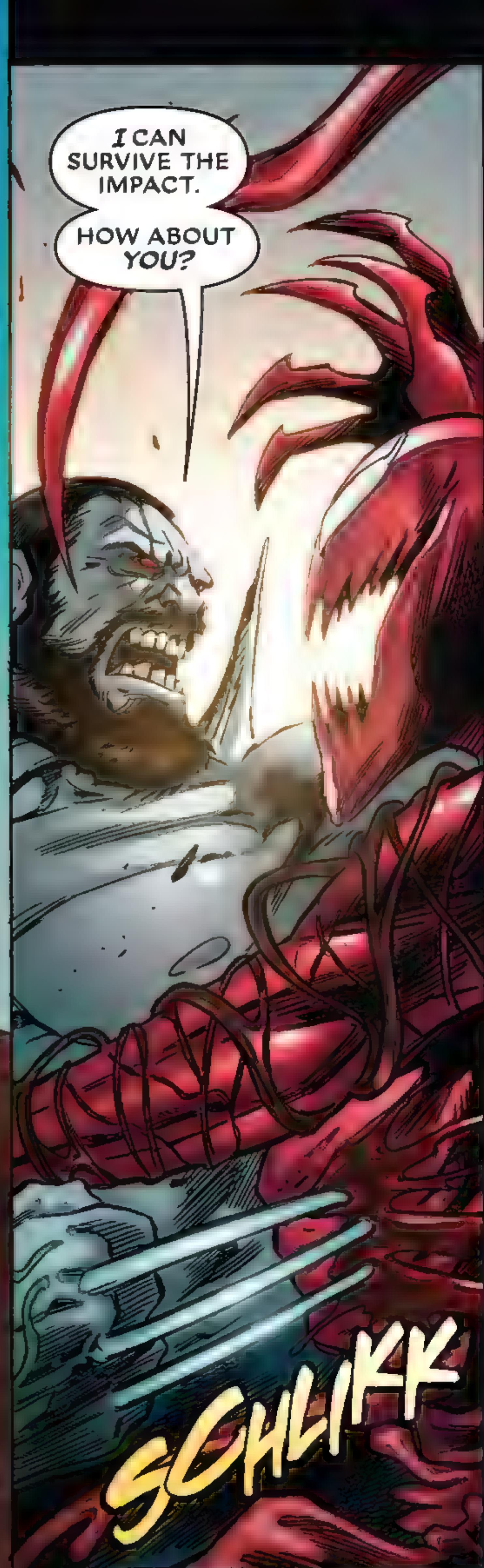
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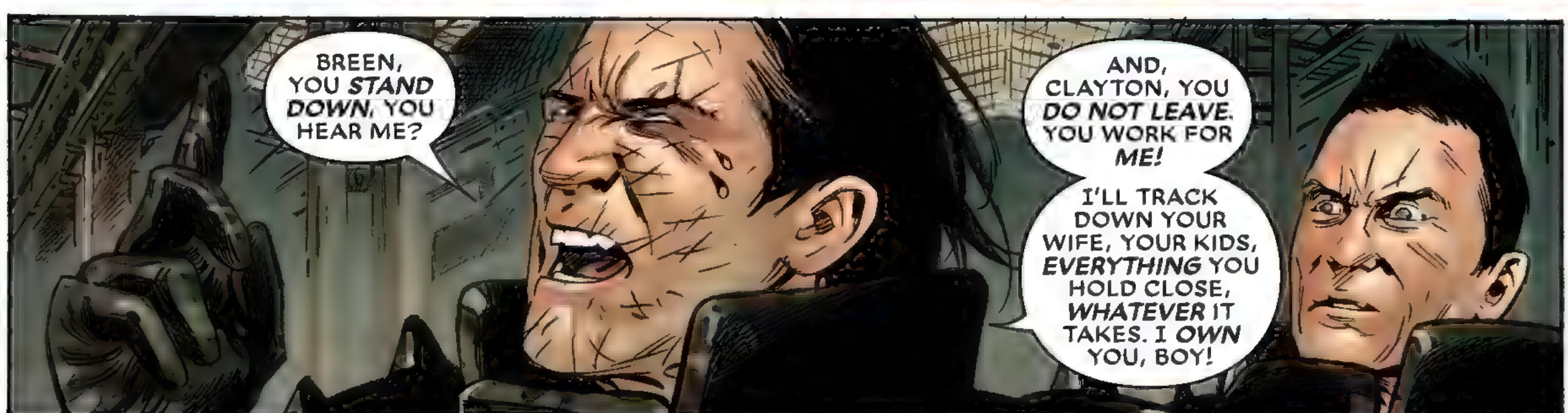


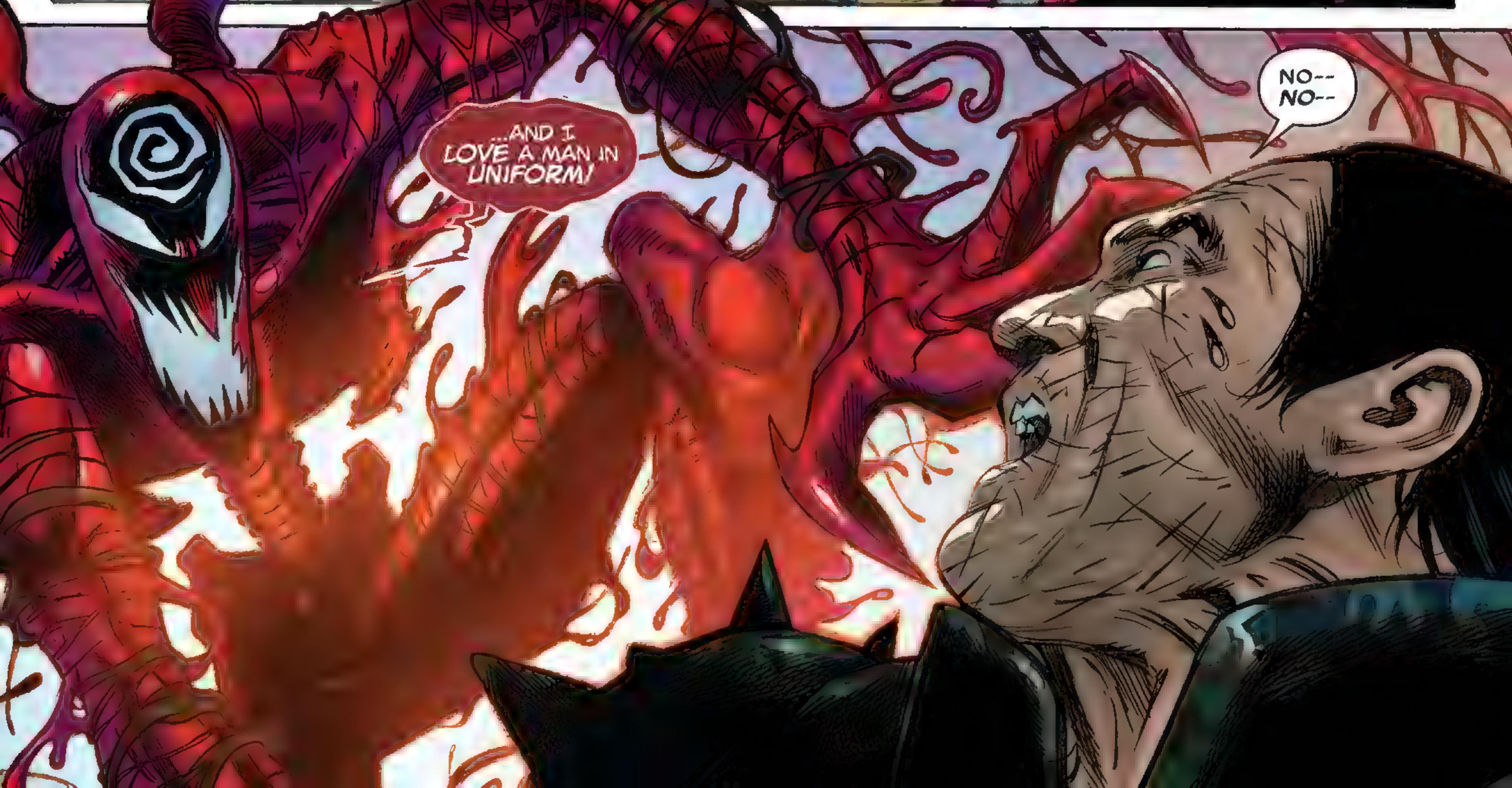
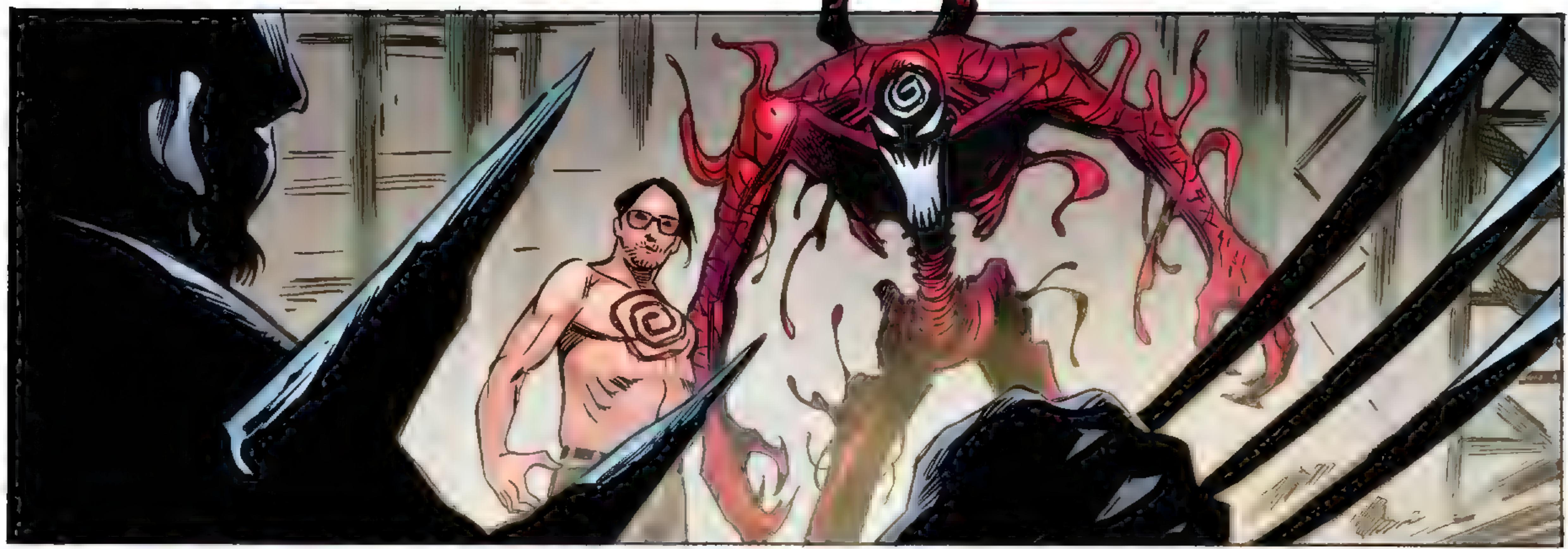




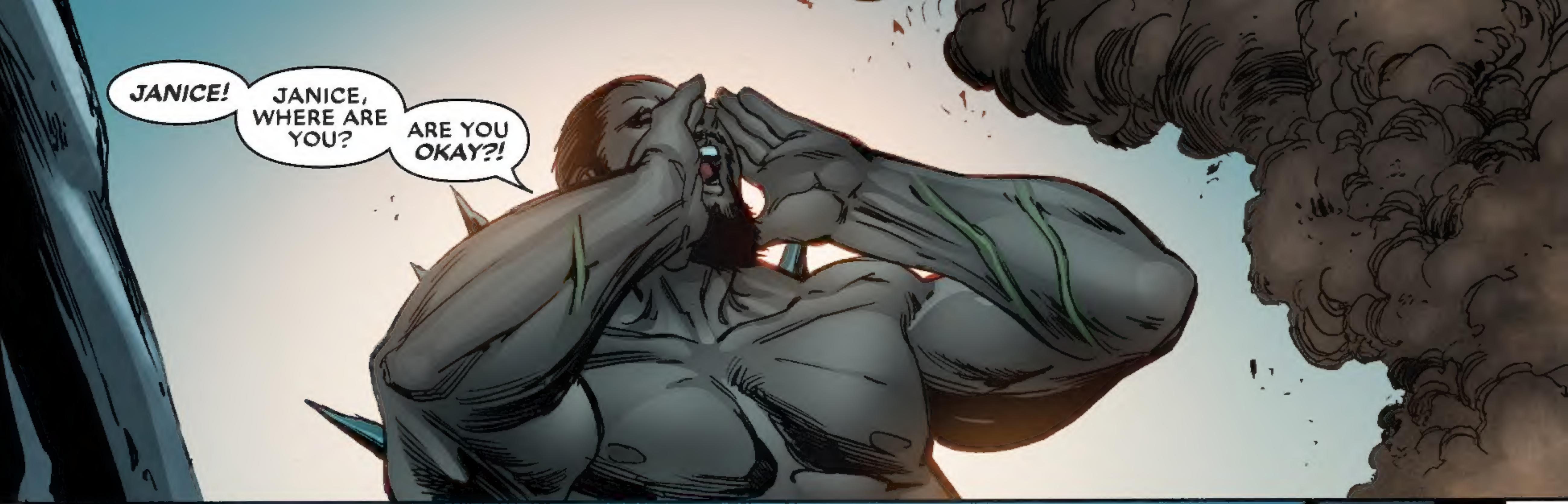








JANICE!
JANICE,
WHERE ARE
YOU?
ARE YOU
OKAY?!



CLAYTON?
CLAYTON!



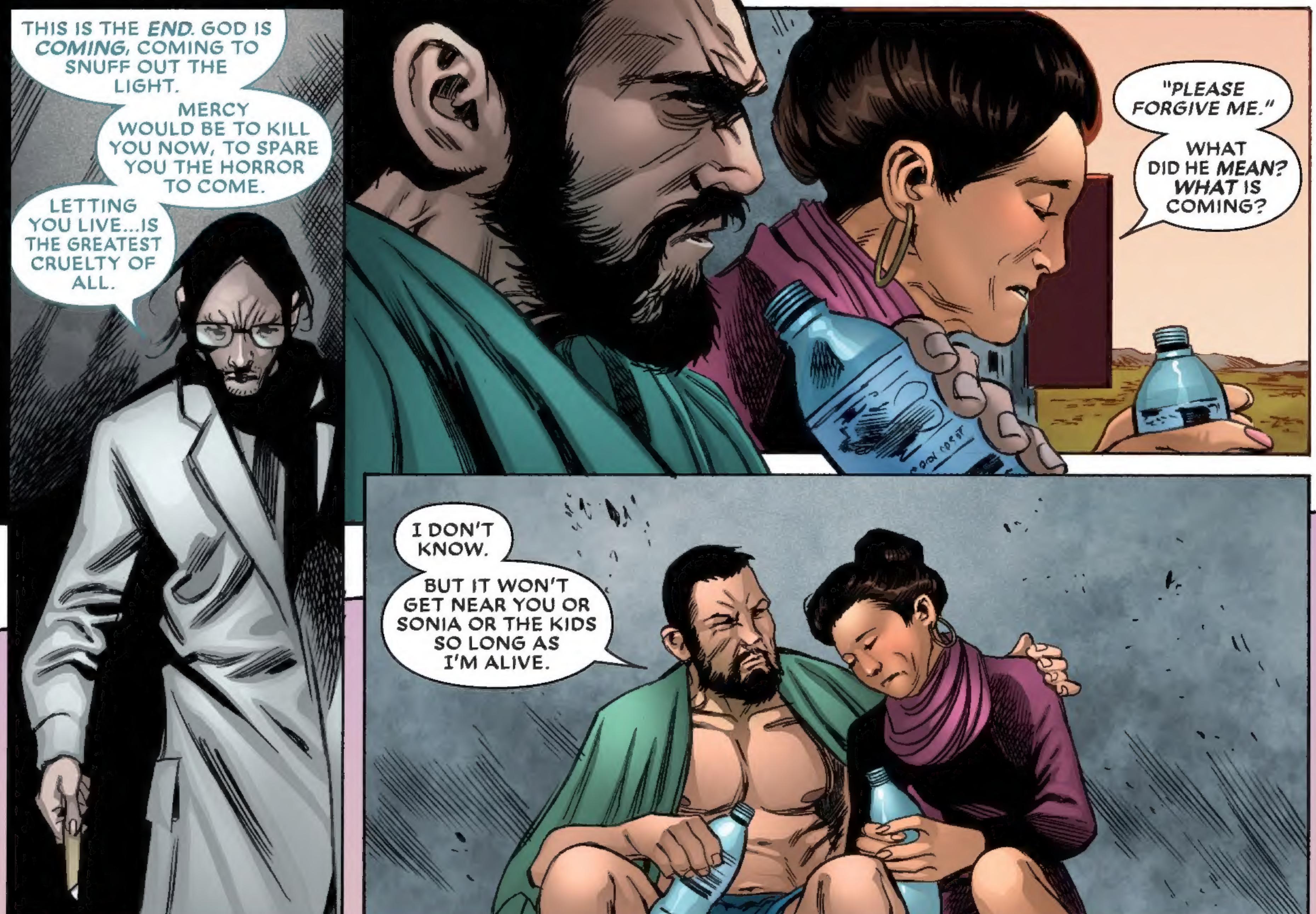
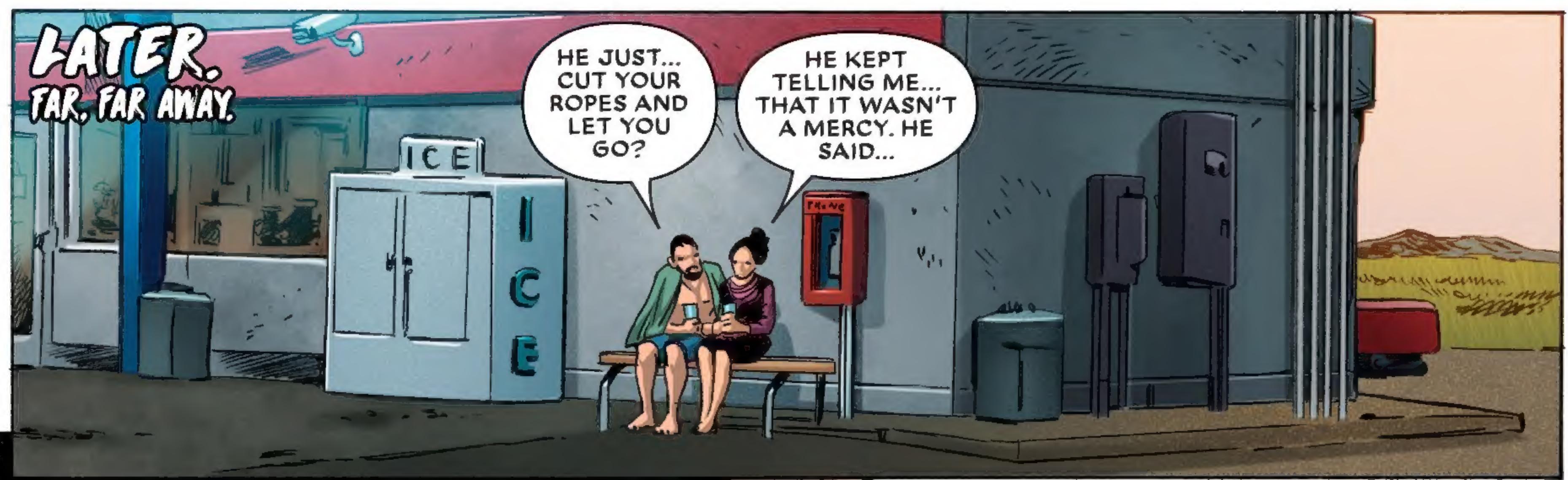
I'M SO
SORRY YOU
WERE BROUGHT
INTO THIS.

IT'S--
IT'S
NOT YOUR
FAULT.



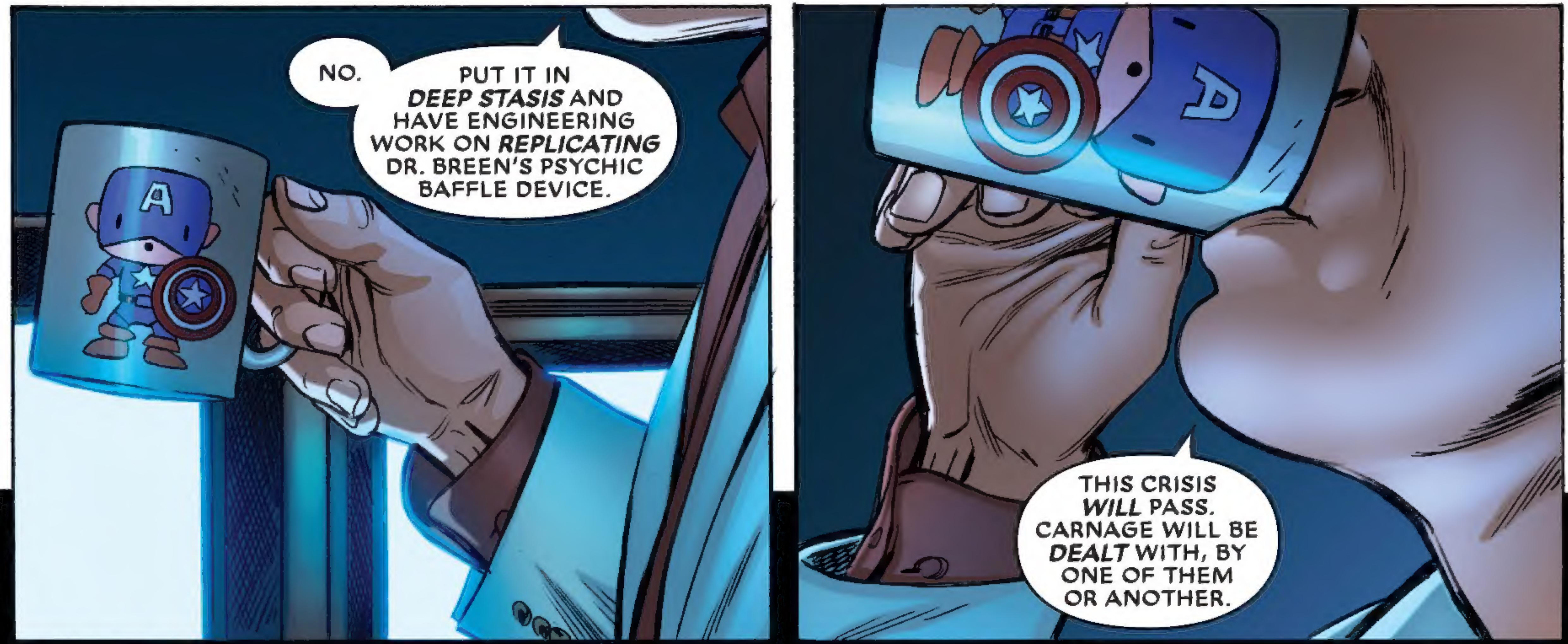
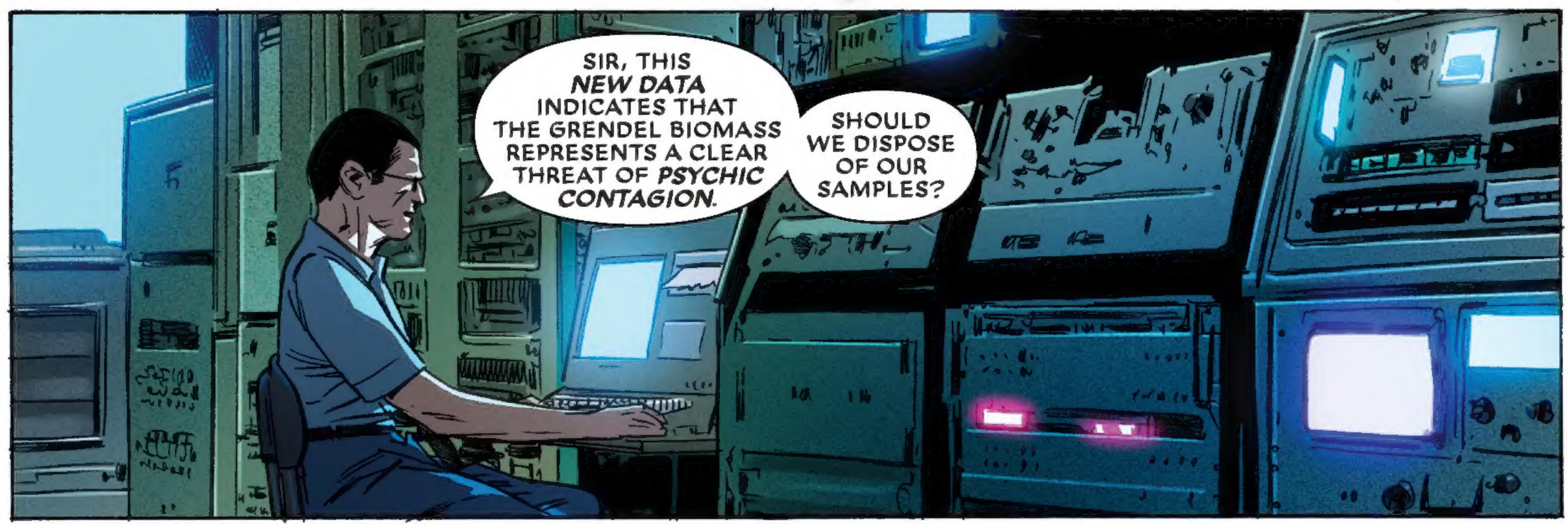
WE NEED
TO GET FAR,
FAR AWAY
FROM HERE.
NOW.





AND I'M A HARD GUY TO KILL.





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MAN-SLAUGHTER